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**Re: City of Highland Park - Response to GLWA's False Claims
Highland Park, Michigan, Wayne County**

To Whom it May Concern:

Highland Park is dismayed by GLWA's unregulated authoritarian strategy to characterize it as the scapegoat to cover its justification for rate increases to support their bloated organization. The City is disgusted by the impact of GLWA's frivolous lawsuits, blatant disregard for contracts and the utmost disrespect that they have for their own settlement agreements.

Highland Park stands united with the suburban customers in Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties to get to the bottom of these rate increases, which disproportionately fall on Highland Park. We strongly disagree with GLWA's position that Highland Park has any bad or other debt. GLWA's false bad debt claims are belied by three consensual settlement agreements, incorporated in court orders, which

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provide specific rates for water and sewer services based upon the volume of retail water sales by Highland Park to its residents and businesses.

Highland Park is in litigation to compel GLWA to follow its agreements. Highland Park is defending its legal right to have its written consent agreements followed by GLWA. We are as much in the dark about the procedures and methodology used to calculate rate increases being passed on to all the users.

It's past time for GLWA to be honest with the users of the system and stop concealing the truth by using Highland Park as the scapegoat.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the department. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Damon L. Garrett".

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