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Chairman Freman Hendrix
Great Lakes Water Authority
735 Randolph, Suite 1900
Detroit, MI 48226

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Re: Class Action Settlements Potentially Impacting GLWA Rates

Dear Chairman Hendrix:

I recently learned about the GLWA Administration participation in mediation for settlement of the *Michigan Warehousing LLC v City of Detroit* and *United House of Prayer* lawsuits. I am disappointed to learn that the GLWA Board was not aware of the settlement in either case considering the significant amount of each settlement and the potential impact to rates to Bloomfield Township residents.

I understand that the GLWA Administration agreed to the settlement of two matters; the *Michigan Warehousing LLC* class action lawsuit and agreed to GLWA paying 50 percent of the \$29.5 million settlement, and the *United House of Prayer* class action lawsuit and agreed to pay \$4 million of the settlement costs.

I am very concerned about these settlements and how the settlement liabilities are allocated to the water and sewer rates and the suburban customers. I strongly urge you to take action to allocate these liabilities exclusively to DWSD-R, as these matters are directly related to the direct customers of the City of Detroit. The suburban customer communities receive no benefit, and these settlements should not be applied as "common to all."

Please feel free to contact me to discuss my request further. I can be reached at 248-433-7700.

Sincerely,

Leo C. Savoie
Supervisor

cc: Sue F. McCormick, GLWA CEO