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Michigan needs a water affordability plan. These frequent water & utility rate increases along with inflation are sinking us! The proposed water & sewer rates are extremely high. Residents of Highland Park have fought for years for our city's survival. We have fought for years against the crushing water debt. For years Highland Park was charged rates 10 times more than cities of similar size. Residents strongly supported the city in the effort to get a just settlement from GLWA, EGLE, and the State of Michigan. Highland Park is a small city with a population of approximately 8600. GLWA is continuing to overcharge the city for water and sewage. The infrastructure in Highland Park is being repaired. Aging pipes are being replaced. Highland Park is no longer a leaky system. The master meters have been installed; data is being collected to measure how much water GLWA supplies Highland Park and is proving (as the city has said all along) much lower water use. The proposed rates for FY 2027 & FY 2028 overcharge Highland Park!

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