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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing regarding the proposed sewer rate increase, interim rate increase and special assessment for Mountain Sewer customers. I have been a customer since 2008 and am the President of Summit at Ski Lake Gated Community, Inc. More than one year ago, we became aware of problems when sewer dump trucks repeatedly entered our private roads to dump raw sewage down a manhole and this became a regular occurrence. When brought to the attention of the previous owner of Mountain Sewer and Weber County, the "body politic," our requests for help and answers were continuously ignored. We, the customers, were forced to file a Formal Complaint with the State of Utah, as we had no one to go to, NOT even the "body politic" of Weber County. Now, we are faced with proposed rate increases and a rather large special assessment.

Since taking over Mountain Sewer, Mr. Ray Bowden has done a great job in fixing problems and communicating with the customers. We couldn't have asked for someone better to take over this mess. Understandably, a rate increase is in order. But, what shouldn't be overlooked is the fact that Weber County did not do its job as the governing body, having NO meetings now for over 5 years of the Ski Lake Special Service Sewer District. Had meetings been held regularly, financial reports could have been reviewed (AT LEAST ANNUALLY), along with continued reporting on the operations of Mountain Sewer. Now we are faced with rather large increases and a special assessment.

Where is the accountability and the protection of the taxpayers and customers? Who is supposed to look after this? The State itself set up the County as the body to do so. I am opposed to the special assessment and feel that Weber County needs to take responsibility in this matter. I also request that you subpoen the bank records of Mr. Ronald Catanzaro, Mountain Sewer and Lakeview Water, so that your auditors can complete a true audit of the books.

I am also opposed to the customers paying any legal and accounting fees from this mess.

