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Dear City of Rockland Council/Mayor's Office

I am writing to express concerns regarding the proposed increase in property taxes by over 8%, especially given the absence of significant infrastructure improvements in the city. We understand the challenges of budgeting for a growing community, yet this level of increase imposes a substantial burden on residents.

With property values already placing financial pressure on families, the proposed hike is difficult to justify without notable enhancements in services or upgrades to critical infrastructure. Many residents are left questioning the direct benefits of this increase and worry that the additional funds will not address the needs and priorities of our community.

I respectfully request that the City considers an alternative approach: exploring adjustments in the city's operating expenses, including a review of employee salary structures. By optimizing the current budget, including potential salary re-evaluations, the City may be able to reduce the need for such a substantial tax increase, ensuring efficient use of funds without passing the cost onto the residents.

Please consider a reassessment of this approach, as it would enable our community to thrive financially while maintaining trust in our city's fiscal decisions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Samuel Deschamps