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Hello,

My name is Nenad Calma and my family recently moved to Rockland from Ottawa.

We were initially attracted by the lifestyle in a smaller town, but recently we have started to question our decision to move to Rockland.

From the approval of building triplexes in Morris Village without consultation with the public, to incredibly expensive water/sewage cost and extremely high property taxes, the cons of moving to Rockland are starting to outweigh the pros of living here.

Your proposal to increase already extremely high property taxes by 8.74% makes me question our decision to move to Rockland. The cost of living has gone up in every aspect of our life, the cost of commute to Ottawa to go to work work is high and now additional increases to property taxes is making our decision to move to Rockland look like a big mistake.

Not only are you increasing the cost of living in Rockland, but you are also reducing the value of our homes by such massive increase in property taxes.

The builders are having difficulties building and selling new homes in Morris Village and increasing taxes will make it even more challenging for them. By increasing the property taxes so much, you may just price Rockland out of the budget of average buyer and create an even bigger problem for the growth of an already extremely slow growing community. Not only are you going to slow down home sales even more, but you're going to cause people to sell and move out of Rockland.

I am hoping you take this email and outrage this proposed tax hike is causing in the community and reconsider the amount of property tax increase. 8.74% is simply way too much for an average family.

Thank you for listening and taking my advice into consideration

Sincerely,

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