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To: P&L C

I am writing to protest the BHP proposed rate hike. I feel 16.6% increase is far more than many of us elderly people, living alone, in our own homes, can possibly absorb into our net incomes. Every thing else has increased such as lat, too, at least in Lead, SD they have! Food prices have skyrocketed, prescriptions, and if one is paying for Ins, to help out, which is a big joke, minus the new, now, in the first place. My current company is raising the premiums over 10 bucks a month come 2010 - our taxes have been hiked again on real estate - our garbage and water, also; ~~plus~~ ^{plus} nearly all premiums one needed in - wrong - you name it - it has raised, just not our Social Security checks! There has got to be a stopping point somewhere! I can understand a more reasonable hike rate, but this proposed one is totally unacceptable!

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