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### BOARD OF HEALTH

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Dear members of the Selectboard,

We are writing to you in order to express our deep concerns regarding the Housatonic Water Works and the water the Company is supplying to its customers.

We have received many complaints and are aware members of the Selectboard and DEP officials are also copied on these complaints. The Board of Health considers the state of the water in Housatonic a public health issue of immediate concern. Especially after the elevated levels of Haloacetic Acid 5 (a known carcinogen) where certain immune compromised customers were advised to not consume the water.

We acknowledge that this water quality issue is a difficult one in which there is no obvious or easy solution. That being said, we ask to be formally updated as to what the Town of Great Barrington is considering as potential actions to be taken. We would like to express a common goal; both the Selectboard and the Board of Health want to alleviate the ongoing hardship faced by HWW customers. Therefore, we urge the members of the Select Board to seriously consider providing immediate relief to the residents of Great Barrington, particularly those most vulnerable, who are impacted by this growing public health concern.

In order to stay informed as requested, we would like members of the Select Board to attend one of our upcoming public meetings. Please consider the receipt of this letter as a formal invitation to do so. Conversely, we will gladly attend one of your meetings should we receive an official request.

Sincerely,

The Great Barrington Board of Health