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Dear Sir, my name is Susan Banks, I live in Huntington Mills. It seems like you, the government of Luzerne County can't understand how we the people can't afford an increase in tax just because you or someone can't get expenses for the county under control. With the cost living always going up but pay checks never do, it makes it very hard to live in this county. I would like to be able to take a nice vacation or go out on the town for a little fun. The last increase in county tax was in 2020. I want to know why it is the filing of real estate deeds and wills are part of the budget when we the people pay for these services directly to an attorney? When my Mother passed away I paid for the deed transfer and filing of the new deed in my name. Cut this expense out of the budget and you won't have to raise the taxes. To you \$50.00 might not seem like a lot but to many of us, especially senior citizens, it is the difference between paying the tax, losing your home, medications and food. Often people will pay the tax rather than to lose your home. They are forced to go without food or their medications in order to pay the tax. Maybe if you didn't require the bill be paid all at one time, allow for payments of the bill then it wouldn't hurt so much. Please don't raise the tax, think of the people who are forced to pay it first.

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