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This is my formal comment on water quality conditions as I experience them in my building. Occasionally there is an earthy or musty taste to the water, especially on some days but not others. My dog sniffs at the water bowl and walks away when I fill it from the tap, which tells me something is off. Sediment collects at the bottom of our water pitcher within a day, and the filter turns dark in weeks. Dead-end lines in my building allow water to sit for long periods, which hurts its quality. The boil-water notice last year arrived after we had already been drinking the water for nearly a day. Independent third-party testing, at least once a year, would build much more trust in the numbers. I requested a copy of our latest water quality report and found it full of jargon that no ordinary resident can interpret. Rebates for filters and plumbing replacement would make a real difference for low-income households. A whole-house filtration system quoted at several thousand dollars is out of reach for most people around me. I have started hauling jugs from the store, which is exhausting and not sustainable for an older person like me. At the last community meeting, many people raised their hands when asked if they use a filter at home. Local schools should test their drinking fountains regularly and make the results public. I would appreciate a written response explaining what steps will be taken to improve conditions in our subdivision.