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My family relies on our community water supply, and lately we have had reasons to question whether it is truly safe. Laundry that should come out white sometimes ends up with orange or gray stains. News about PFAS, the so-called forever chemicals, has made me wonder what is actually in our water. I do not want to be an alarmist, but the uncertainty about long-term exposure makes it hard to feel at ease. Public health should be the first consideration when decisions are made about treatment and funding. As someone caring for an elderly parent, I need to be certain the water is safe for medications and cooking. Storage tanks should be inspected and cleaned on a regular schedule, with the results shared with the public. I requested a copy of our latest water quality report and found it full of jargon that no ordinary resident can interpret. Free home testing for lead and other contaminants should be offered to every household that asks. I installed a reverse osmosis system under the sink, but I resent paying for a fix that the utility should have handled. I have started hauling jugs from the store, which is exhausting and not sustainable for an older person like me. The cost of constantly replacing the water heater and appliances because of scale adds up to a hidden tax. Fishing and recreation on the nearby river depend on healthy source water, so protecting the watershed benefits everyone. Our local library hosted a talk about water safety, and it was packed, which shows how much people care. I remain hopeful that, with proper funding and oversight, we can restore confidence in our water supply.