Eddie Sleeper

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I am a 66 year old widow, and ever since they installed my smart meter my billings have at least doubled, *have called , you get the run a round, When my husband was alive , my mom was alive and kids lived at home, plus we had a pool(which I now have removed due to such high bills) I cooked , did lots of laundry etc and my bills were never like this, I did not want this meter, I heard they are unsafe and you can't read them to see if the reading are correct, they do not have to pay a meter reader anymore, prices should have come down, the bill for this month was 466.43 and again I am one person in the house, yet there are some people whose bill never changes, DTE emailed me and said the bills were going up 36% due to the weather , I have talked to a lot of angry people and their bills like mine range in the 4 to 5 hundred and yet a few people with lots of people in the house and their bills did not go up, all these distribution charges etc, are ridiculous, when you look at what you have actually used, I just paid 8,000 for a new high effeciency furnace, new water heater, fairly new stove and fridge, these bills jumped up right after the new meters were installed, when I called again last week, to have someone come check meter they wanted another 10.00, where does this all end, I have 2 jobs and soon will have to give up my house these bills are more than my car payment a a person can't afford this anymore, now I am asking you to take control of this problem, it is getting out of hand or give us options of using someone other than DTE, like semco, some people have consumers power, give us choices, so DTE has some competition!*

ThankYou,

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