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Dear Sirs,

I am concerned about my steadily increasing rates bill, with the rapidly decreasing amount of transitional relief, and the prospect of penal charges for water.

I only receive the same level of services as many small houses, and yet my rates bill is about ten times greater.

The huge increase in value of this house in the past few years was unexpected and outside my control. As a pensioner still living in this family home I am confronted with a financial problem.

It would be a step in the direction of fairness to set a cap on valuations at £400,000 to bring home owners' bills in NI closer to those in England and Wales.

Yours faithfully,



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