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People who are struggling to afford food and gas need a break for higher energy bills. I hope that Ameren can find a way to make energy more affordable for low-income Missourians.

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My winter electric bills doubled from 2024-25 to 2025-26. I tried everything from insulating my windows and doors to bundling up and still spent \$200 on electricity every month. I could only afford that with my savings account, but now I don't have emergency savings and am living check to check knowing I'm about to be laid off. If I'm struggling, I cannot imagine how people that make less than living wage are faring in this climate. Please. We are not doing well. Most of North Saint Louis City is still destroyed from the tornado a year ago--people have lost their family homes from generations, the city is not supporting us... We need help! we need you, the people we put in power to help and improve our communities.

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My mom has been a low-income Missourian for decades, because of high rent prices, medical debt, and more. I had to grow up in Missouri having to choose whether or not to eat, knowing that paying for groceries meant less money for bills and rent. No Missourian - no human being - should have to make that choice. We need relief, and we need it now.

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Low income families can't keep up with rising utility bills. There needs to be a policy decision to protect those residents who will suffer unaffordable bills and risk utility shut down. We must take care of our less fortunate Missouri residents by capping rates. Aren't we compassionate people or do we only look for profit? Please do the right thing.

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It's Legalized STEALING let me see you live off of under 18,000 a year. I can't get my teeth fixed, surgery because I can't afford to have anything done. I'm DAMN NEAR HOMELESS SO STOP STEALING FROM ME ????

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In the US we have seen a great increase in a few peoples wealth. We need to remember the backbone of the country are low income and low middle income folks who are having a tough time to make it from month to month. They deserve some assistance.

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I rent because I can't afford to buy a house. Even so, I still have to pay all the utilities. I used to see my saving account grow, but now I've reached a plateau. Although I'm well past retirement age, I'm working because of the high cost of living. Everything has gone up, including, and especially, energy costs. To live in a prosperous nation and yet barely make ends meet is frustrating and frightening.

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