

*Dear Commissioners,*

*I am writing this to urge you to continue to provide protections from utility shutoffs through the end of the pandemic.*

*Covid-19 continues to pose a threat to our community's health and financial security. The same logic that called for the need for protections from utility shutoffs still applies today and will continue to apply until this pandemic has ended.*

*Access to heat, electricity, and water service is crucial for maintaining a safe, healthy, livable home, especially during a global pandemic. Having a stable environment at home has been shown to limit the infection rate and mortality rate.*

*I'm writing to urge the Commission to extend the current protections on utility shutoffs beyond March 31, 2021 for all Pennsylvanians currently protected by Phase II of the moratorium. Customers should remain protected throughout the duration of the pandemic.*

*Additionally, I ask that the Commission develop a just and equitable plan to forgive utility debt. For Pennsylvanians who have suffered during the pandemic to recover economically, they must not be bogged down by utility debt.*

*Sincerely,*

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