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**Response to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Valuation of Acquired Municipal Water and Wastewater Systems
Act 12 of 2016 Implementations.**

**Public Meeting of February 1, 2024
54 Pa. B.906 - Saturday, February 17, 2024.**

Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street
Keystone Bldg.
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Commissioners and other Interested Parties.

Please accept this correspondence as our formal comments on the above-referenced Notice and Solicitation for feedback on the Tentative Supplemental Implementation Order.

We applaud the efforts of the PUC in commencing interim corrections to the many negative impacts of Pennsylvania Act 12, and hope that this will be only the beginning.

While the additional notice requirements found in the supplemental order are helpful, Warwick Township is concerned that the for-profit companies will continue to target well-run, well-funded water and sewer authorities. It is our impression that the original intention of Act 12 was to offer distressed communities the option of selling to a corporation that could provide safe drinking water and sewage disposal. Instead, many affluent areas are being targeted due to their guaranteed revenue streams and the communities' ability to pay.

Helping the existing public authorities with the reporting and testing requirements, and providing grants for infrastructure improvements, should be considered first prior to selling to for-profit companies who have shown to considerably raise rates after the rate freeze period ends.

Thank you for accepting our comments on this topic. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Seckinger".

Kyle W. Seckinger, MPA
Township Manager

CC: Rep. Kristen Marcell, PA State Representative
Sen. Frank Farry, PA State Senator