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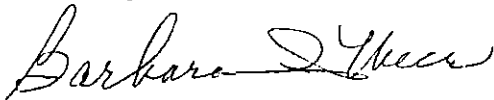
Dear Secretary Chiavetta,

Please accept these Comments regarding the Proposed Act 12 Changes. It is encouraging to know that the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) recognizes that ratepayers are at risk for escalating rates due to this 2016 legislative action.

As a resident of Jenners Pond Retirement Community in West Grove, Penn Township, Chester County, I am concerned that the local municipal officials will not be able to protect the residents from increased rates resulting from the privatization of our public water or sewer services. The PA PUC should be in a better position to protect the ratepayers, especially those of us on fixed incomes. Many of the locally elected officials are new to the municipality by the time the water or waste water systems become distressed or become targets of a potential purchase. They cannot be expected to determine the utility's value on a municipal scale, let alone a regional scale. It is critical that the PA PUC takes every measure to ensure a public process before any contracts are binding for the privatization of these essential utilities.

Our expenses continue to increase every year. We cannot imagine what would happen if our public water or sewer services were to increase at the rate that was experienced by our neighbors in New Garden Township. Please do everything possible to ensure more public awareness before these public to private deals are made.

Sincerely,



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