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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Secretary:

I am writing with tremendous concern about Act 12 and the effect it is having and will have on the region, we live and work in along the Route 1 corridor.

My family, has property (2 generations) in Chadds Ford and are rate payers. The properties are small business operations since the 1960's. Chester Water Authority is our water company. We are in no position to double the cost of our water, for benefit of a publically-held water company, who's only interested in their own profitability.

We have friends in New Garden and they are aghast at what they are now paying monthly for sewer & water and rue the day, their Supervisors agreed to a deal, where they became the victims of what they consider extortion, with no end in sight.

Our entire family is an Act 12 target, whether we live on the Chester Water Authority reservoir in Oxford PA, worried sick over the fate of the reservoir lands or are current rate payers of Chester Water Authority or already victims of Big Water utility payments in Middletown Township, Media, or Narbeth. All of us are under fire across a 50 mile span subject to Act 12 further allowances. My sister, who doesn't use a drop more water, is on a fixed income, shows us her water bill has doubled via her profit-driven water company's acquisitions. My nephew, wife and 3 children under 5, water bills also doubled, paying again for corporate takeovers. My brother in law, businessman in Media – faced with Delcora take over.

ACT 12 is enabling profit driven companies to game the system with unfair advantage to take over non-profit well-run companies, who offer the best customer service and value to the consumer. We are asking the PUC to address the issues we've raised in this letter, by strengthening your recent rule changes regarding ACT 12. We want you to insist that the sale prices do not exceed the depreciated value. Furthermore, the PUC needs to ban non-disclosure agreements from negotiations. All proceedings should be done in the "sunlight," as the PA Municipal code outlines.

Please support legislators who wish ACT 12 to be repealed now, as it is primarily written for the benefit of those who stand to gain so much, forever. If CWA were to be privatized = \$1 Billion would leave our service area every 20 years. That's capitol B Billion coming from families' and small business owners' pockets.

Pennsylvania's PUC and governing body through their non action has already targeted us as a family, all hard working, small business owners with many friends & colleagues along the Route 1 corridor from Chester County into Delaware County. With Act 12, as it exists, it appears to predict an entire family take down. We don't appreciate it, we don't want it. We can hear and see the hardship already imposed on our relatives to date.

I am also wondering, in terms of profit based utility companies, when are they to be considered a monopoly?

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