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Jan H. Freeman **Executive Director Public Utility Commission** Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265



Joseph Wechsler, President Pat Rogan, Vice President William Gaughan Wayne Evans Timothy Perry

Re: Public Utility Commission

Pennsylvania American Water Company Docket No. R-2017-2595853

Dear Director Freeman:

As Scranton City Council President, I am writing today on behalf of the residents of the City of Scranton who have expressed their opposition to the proposed 17.06% rate hike for water service provided by the Pennsylvania American Water Company. As you may be aware, a large number of Scranton residents are on a fixed income and an additional \$114.00 per year would adversely affect those who are struggling to meet rising housing, medical and food costs. We wholeheartedly support a reversal of the decision to implement a rate hike for water service at this time.

On behalf of all residents of Scranton, please give this matter your utmost consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Wechsler

President

Scranton City Council

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