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Dear Commission's Secretary,

I am writing this letter to oppose the petition of Pennsylvania-American Water Company to acquire the Exeter Township wastewater system assets.

As a middle class working family with children in college, I do not support the proposed increase in our sewer rates. We've already seen an increase of ~29% over the last year. We personally have also seen a complete inconsistency with our usage and I understand many other residents have too. I fear that these things will only get worse/more costly with the proposed acquisition.

While the notification that we received does state that the usage and rates listed are for a monthly period, the township residents are billed on a quarterly cycle. Therefore, someone glancing at this notification may not clearly understand what the increase will be.

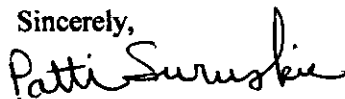
In addition, it is my understanding that the agreed upon price is \$96 million but that debt service will be assumed by the township, which could mean that any savings passed on to the residents (in the form of the homestead exemption and elimination of the \$5 per capita tax) from the sale may disappear if the township is paying for the repair and upgrades of the existing infrastructure.

I am not a corporate executive nor am I familiar with contract law, but I think there is more than meets the eye here. I'm not certain if it is customary for the seller to assume the debt service. However, I do feel that Pennsylvania American Water Company would not be at all interested in this transaction if they did not feel they would be making a profit.

If the township wastewater plant is in need of repair, wouldn't the 29% increase we've seen thus far, along with not implementing the homestead exemption, go a long way in funding those repairs?

Again, I object to this acquisition and I thank you in advance for reviewing this matter before making a decision.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Andrew M. Calvelli



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