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Dear PUC Commissioners,

COVID-19 has had devastated communities here in Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania. After nearly a year, huge numbers of people remain unemployed or underemployed. Many of us are facing higher utility bills from staying at home and/or grappling with high medical bills. Access to heat, electricity, and water service is critical for maintaining healthy and safe homes especially during this time.

I urge the Commission to extend utility shut-off protections beyond March 31st for all Pennsylvanians currently protected by Phase II of the moratorium. Customers should remain protected until the pandemic is over and the economic recovery is well underway.

Additionally, I ask that the Commission develop equitable plans to forgive utility debt in the coming months. For Pennsylvanians to recover from the economic crisis that has resulted from the pandemic, they must not be bogged down by unpayable debts.

Thank you,

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