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Dear Mr. Livingston,

I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding Pennsylvania American Water's recent decision to raise their rates once again. As you are aware, they have previously succeeded in obtaining approval for rate hikes through the PUC, and I fear the adverse impact it has had on the constituents in my district, particularly in Port Vue.

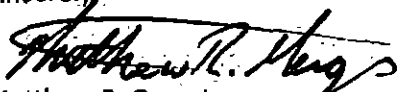
The cumulative effect of these increases has been significant, placing undue financial hardship on residents in Port Vue and neighboring areas, including Liberty, Lincoln, McKeesport, and Duquesne. Another rate increase would exacerbate the challenges faced by these communities, especially Port Vue, and I cannot overstate the potential severity of the financial burden.

Considering these circumstances, I respectfully request and demand that the Public Utility Commission conducts in-person public hearings in the affected communities, with a specific emphasis on Port Vue. The residents of the 35th district deserve the right and opportunity to directly communicate their concerns about how another rate increase would profoundly impact them financially. It is imperative that the voices of the concerned residents are heard, and public hearings are an essential platform for them to express their perspectives and hardships directly to the PUC.

I believe that such hearings are vital to ensuring a fair and comprehensive evaluation of the proposed rate increase, considering the real and tangible consequences it would have on the lives of the people in my district. I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider this request seriously. I am confident that the PUC will act in the best interests of the affected communities and strive for a fair resolution.

Thank you for your time and attention to these matters.

Sincerely,


Matthew R. Gergely
State Representative – 35th District



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