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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
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Secretary Chiavetta,

It has come to my attention that AQUA Pennsylvania has requested a rate hike of 24% for the coming year. A letter sent by AQUA to customers outlined that the average water bill for residential customers will increase from \$78.21 per month to \$98.01 per month.

This comes just two years after AQUA's 2022 rate increase of 9.9%. AQUA contends that this steep hike is for the sake of covering their new infrastructural investments, but it is not the duty of the public to subsidize investments made for private profit and especially not given the reality that this puts a very difficult burden on many of my constituents and AQUA PA payers in general, who may already find it a financial strain to pay the current high monthly rates, to say nothing of the possible post-increase rates.

Frustration with prior rate hikes has led to a greater push in the legislature to revisit and substantially modify Act 12, and, while I have not signed off on any of the proposals meant to walk back privatization, a growing number of constituents would very much like me to. It is important that the members of the commission are mindful of the difficulties this potential rate increase can cause for many of AQUA's consumers, and I hope the PUC will come to a consensus on a rate increase which represents a fairer and more realistic figure that will work for all of AQUA's customers and is not double the 12% total inflation from January 2022-April 2024.

Sincerely,

Kristine C. Howard

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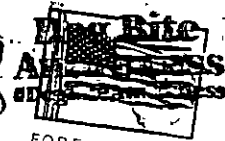
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