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RE: Public Comment on Docket #A-2025-3058927

Dear Chairman DeFrank,

I am writing to express my strong concerns and opposition regarding the proposed merger of Essential Utilities (Aqua) and American Water in Pennsylvania.

Rising consumer costs, including food, energy, and water and wastewater services, continue to negatively impact my constituents and working families across the Commonwealth and the nation. As first a State Representative and now State Senator, I have repeatedly and consistently opposed the water rate increase requests that seem to come before the PUC every two years. I am also working with my colleagues to address Act 12 of 2016, which has failed to protect consumers and ratepayers in communities across Pennsylvania.

Clean, reliable, affordable water and wastewater service is a basic necessity for all Pennsylvanians and all people. If approved, this merger will impact 4.7 million customers across 17 states. Pennsylvanians are already experiencing how large, private companies buy up small municipal water and wastewater systems and raise rates. I'm concerned that as companies get bigger and bigger, access to affordable, reliable service is growing further and further out of reach.

Thank you for your consideration. I oppose this merger and respectfully ask the PUC to carefully weigh its impacts on ratepayers and consumers.

Sincerely,

Carolyn T. Comitta

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