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To: [WaterRateBoard](#)
Subject: Requested Comment regarding raising rates
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Dear Water Rate Board:

Regarding any wish to raise rates, taxes and fees in Philadelphia, I recommend this below to better serve those who pay for and use these services.

Require that all the services be bid between union and non union providers of these services, or else the job or contract will not be awarded.

A policy very simply called, "The Right to Compete."

Please ask, "Does anyone pay rates, taxes and fees to outright subsidize unions without first requiring equal access to tax, rate and fee supported jobs by everyone else who is not in a union?"

This request for fairness is neutral as to who wins the bid; the fact that when unions and non union compete fairly, the bids are often 35% less because the higher monopoly rates of unions can no longer win any bid...hence a large saving for taxpayers.

Just think: saving 35% on the millions and millions of dollars of Water Department project costs, will mean less, if any, need to raise the water rates.

Correct?

That is my suggestion to the Water Rate Board. "The Right to Compete" for all tax supported work.

Thank you for considering this open, honest and fair benefit for all the taxpayers who pay for these services.

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