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To: [WaterRateBoard](#)
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I would like to address the issues regarding proposed rate increase

1) Should customers be required to pay \$12 million more per year to fund construction work? It seems every block I turn in Philadelphia, there's construction. However those doing the construction neither pay nor deal with the issues regarding the streets being torn up for construction.

2) Should customers be required to pay \$10 million more per year for stormwater management?

Storm water management is a responsibility of all citizens! Maintaining clean and safe stormwater is important for everyone!

3) Should water customers (rather than taxpayers) be required to pay \$8 million more per year for water used by the Fire Department to fight fires?

All citizens, visitors and businesses benefit from the hard work of our Philadelphia Fire Department not just water department customers!

4) Is it fair to raise rates when Philadelphia Water has over \$200 million in the bank?

It makes absolutely no sense to have such a huge reserve when people like myself on disability struggle to pay our water bill.

5) What more should the Water Rate Board do to increase affordability of water bills for low-income customers, especially given low enrollment rates in TAP, the new water affordability program?

I am unaware of the TAP program but since my husband still works we are usually over the income level for any subsidized program.

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