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Good afternoon,

I am writing to oppose any increase in the City of Philadelphia water rates. **17% of all evictions filed in Municipal Court involve a demand for water arrearage. This is 6 times the number of eviction suits for electric or gas arrearages.** Most of these families do not qualify for TAP because absent a Landlord Cooperation Program to prevent liens, most Philly landlords will not allow tenants to put the water bill in their name. Moreover, TAP does not include forgiveness, so families may still face eviction even when they enroll.

Now is not the time to be squeezing low-income families. Any increase in the rate will further contribute to the **eviction crisis**—displacing families and increasing the city’s already high poverty rate. Keep water affordable to keep Philly affordable!



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