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Hello Cody Williams,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Zoe Greggs. I am a resident of East Mount Airy, (zip code: 19144). It has come to my attention that on January 15th the Philadelphia Water Department filed an advanced notice with the City Council and the Philadelphia Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Rate Board. This notice proposed an increase in water, sewer and stormwater rates effective in the fall of 2021.

I was incredibly disheartened and *frankly* disgusted by this news. The fact that if a Philly resident uses 5 hundred cubic feet of water a month, their bill would be increased by 11.6% and then an additional 5.3% the following year - is egregious.

The rates of joblessness, hunger and poverty in the United States and locally have soared as we have gotten deeper into this pandemic. As so many struggle just to survive the day to day, it is mind boggling to hear that our own local institutions would seek to add to these stressors. What do the citizens of this city gain by paying higher water rates?

I hope that my concern as a resident is taken seriously. As this will only do more harm on an already downtrodden population.

Sincerely,

Zoe