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Philadelphia Water Rate Board,

My name is Marlee Cooper and I reside in the 19148 zip code. I am writing to you today about your proposed increased water rates. I think that it is absolutely abhorrent that you would even entertain the idea of increasing water rates for residential households during a global pandemic that is still raging on--during a pandemic when our city has absolutely fumbled rolling out the vaccine. I live right next to some of the hardest hit zip codes, I know people whose housing situation has been unstable for the past 10 months because of the financial hardships this pandemic has caused. The last thing this city's residents need is to incur an increased cost for a BASIC HUMAN NEED. People need water to SURVIVE! We can not saddle them with even more costs when people's ability to survive already hangs in such uncertainty. I implore you, do not increase residential water rates. If you do, I will not be surprised to see protestors outside your building until it is resolved. Philadelphians will not sit quietly while their foundations for life are made harder and harder to access and afford. If you follow through with this you will be adversely affecting essential workers, city employees, delivery drivers--people you each depend on to keep your lives running--people this city depends on to continue operating. Please do not turn your backs on them.

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