










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2025 Price Increase

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Good afternoon Water Rate Board,

My name is Kaitlin Murphy and I have been a Philadelphia Water Department customer since 2018. When I first started paying my water bill, I was an AmeriCorps VISTA member living with three other roommates. My \$13k annual living stipend was barely enough to get by and pay all my bills. I still work in the Philly nonprofit field and thanks to various grants and programs was blessed to buy my own home in Philadelphia last year. While I can afford my home and bills at the moment, there is a lot of doubt for my future because of inflation and tariffs and chaos at the federal level trickling down to the local level and even affecting my organization's funding sources. An increase to water rates would potentially push me to leave the Philly nonprofit world which is in need of seasoned professionals and stability now more than ever. But an 18% increase would make my monthly budget too tight and I'd have to look for a higher paying job. I know my story is not the most important, but I know there are thousands if not millions of other Philadelphians who oppose this rate increase as well. Please find another way to accomodate any increase in operation costs than increasing the cost burden on all Philadelphian citizens.

Thank you for your time,
Katie

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