

Paul & Helen Hoyer

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Philadelphia Water, Sewer & Storm Water Rate Board
c/o City Law Department
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Philadelphia, PA 19102

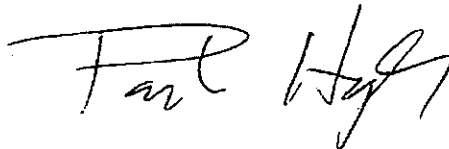
Gentlemen,

The probable increase in water and sewer rates is necessary but wasteful. There are many entities that are given discounts on their water and sewer bills. This is taxing other citizens who pay in full.

The water department is not thoughtfully fulfilling it's mandate to provide clean, safe water and sewer services to Philadelphia at minimum cost. More money needs to be used for replacing and upgrading the system not giving money away.

There have been several recent large diameter water main breaks in old, not replaced pipes. There is a huge amount of wasted water from large and small leaks. The 50 year replacement rate for water mains should be changed to 25 years. The 10 year program to link the three water treatment plants should be 3 years. A program of separating runoff water and sewage for all of Philadelphia needs to be started. Those users with separation should pay a lower rate. Users should be encouraged to pump and purify their own water.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Hoyer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul J. Hoyer

Water Rate Increase

From Laurel Williams

Date Tue 5/13/2025 10:17 AM

To WaterRateBoard <waterrateboard@Phila.gov>

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I am certain that I can speak for thousands of retired seniors who are on fixed incomes when I say that any increase in rates would be a struggle for us all. I would like to know if the rates increase, will the "Senior Discount" also increase, as it would truly be a help for all who currently receive it.

Some people have to choose between food, medicines and utilities. I also realize that some people never pay their bills and the rest of us suffer for it. I know that all things become more expensive over time. However, I hope and pray that the increase will not cause us to struggle more.

Thank you for your time.

Laurel Williams