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Commissioner Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW
Commissioner Gene DiGirolamo
County of Bucks
Bucks County Administration Building
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Dear Bucks County Commissioners:

As members of the Bucks County Delegation in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, we have read with some concern about the decision of the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors to explore a possible sale of their sewer system to Aqua Pennsylvania.

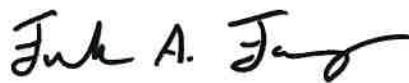
While as members of the Legislature, we understand we have no formal role in this process, we write to ask for your oversight to ensure the affected Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority ratepayers are protected. We have each heard from many residents concerned about the potential sale.

It is our understanding that after the sewer debt is paid, the County will realize roughly \$1 billion in proceeds from this sale. We strongly encourage the Commissioners to dedicate a considerable portion of those proceeds to a rate stabilization fund that will keep rates stable for a significant period of time. Considering all County residents stand to benefit from the proceeds of the sale, we feel it is vital to protect the ratepayers who will face substantial increases over the coming years. During these difficult economic times, with crippling inflation, the rising costs of food, fuel, and other basic necessities, we would argue this would be necessary to protect ratepayers. We believe many of whom will face an estimated \$40 a month rate increase.

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Protecting ratepayers, our constituents, should be the top priority if the decision is made to sell the sewer system.

Sincerely,



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