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Chairman John F. Cordisco
Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority
1275 Almshouse Road
Warrington, PA 18976

Dear Chairman Cordisco,

I am writing to express my opposition to Aqua's offer to buy the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority's water and wastewater utility system. If sold and privatized to Aqua, customers of BCWSA will likely face costly utility rate hikes during an already economically difficult time. I believe that BCSWA maintaining ownership of the water and wastewater utility system is in the best interest of consumers and will ensure that families will not have to face difficult financial decisions to sustain their basic utility needs.

As you know, the customers of BCSWA benefit from its non-profit status. Unlike Aqua, BCSWA is not governed by maximizing profits, and it does have to answer to shareholders. As an independent governing body, customers of BCSWA have enjoyed consistent and stable utility rates since 1962. I am afraid that if BCSWA is sold to Aqua, residents will be detrimentally affected. We can predict what will happen to BCSWA customers because Aqua has set a precedent of what to expect when they buy and privatize a utility system. For example, customers of recently Aqua-acquired utility systems, like the one in Limerick Township, saw soaring utility increases after the acquisition. Right now, the BCSWA charges customers \$43.80 a month for 4,000 gallons of water and \$47.20 for sewer service. In stark contrast, Aqua currently charges its customers \$69.35 a month for the same amount of water and \$55.51 for sewer service per month.

I am deeply concerned for the current customers of BCSWA if the sale offer Aqua is accepted. Our residents deserve affordable utility rates and a utility service provider that has their best interests at heart. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for giving this critical issue serious consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina M. Davis".

Tina Davis, State Representative
141st Legislative District