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Secretary Dennis Davin
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Davin:

I write with serious concerns about the future of the Chester Water Authority (CWA) as it relates to Governor Tom Wolf's April 13, 2020 Declaration of Fiscal Emergency for the City of Chester.

It is my understanding that discussions are ongoing about using the Emergency Declaration as a vehicle for privatizing the CWA. I want to convey in the strongest terms possible that I oppose the sale of this public asset and believe privatization is not in the best interests of CWA ratepayers in Delaware and Chester Counties.

On August 12, 2019, I issued a statement opposing the sale of the CWA. I said at the time that the CWA is a valuable public asset, its water quality is excellent, its employees are outstanding and the rates they charge customers are reasonable. I also noted that the CWA has a proud legacy as one of the finest water providers in the country and that this well-run authority should absolutely remain a public asset. My position opposing the sale of the CWA remains the same today.

As the Senator representing the City of Chester in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, I fully understand the financial hardships being experienced by the City. However, selling the CWA will result in nothing more than a one-time infusion of cash that will be depleted over time. If this occurs, the decades of investment in one of our greatest public authorities will have been rendered meaningless.

I remain strongly opposed to selling the CWA, with or without an Emergency Declaration in place. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions about this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Killion".

Tom Killion