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Senate of Pennsylvania

September 6, 2022

Ben Jones, CEO
Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority
1275 Almshouse Road
Warrington, PA 18976

RE: BCWSA Proposed Sale to Aqua PA

Dear Mr. Jones:

Earlier today Bucks County Commissioners Harvie and Marseglia called upon the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority (BCWSA) to end any further negotiations with Aqua PA regarding the proposed sale of the BCWSA's sewer system. I join in that request.

As a public authority, the BCWSA is not beholden to shareholders or investors, only to the public and the communities it serves. For this reason, I believe that the BCWSA is in the best position moving forward to provide sewer services at stable rates that allow for both investment in the system, economic growth in the service area and predictability for rate payers.

Moreover, the opinion of the county commissioners should carry significant weight with the Board of the BCWSA. As you know, the county originally established the BCWSA as a public entity to operate a public asset. Any proposed sale of that asset to a private entity such as Aqua would be inconsistent with that aim.

For these reasons, I urge you to end any further consideration of the proposed sale. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Santarsiero', written over a horizontal line.

Steven J. Santarsiero
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CC: Bucks County Commissioners
BCWSA Board of Directors