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Please, keep the lights on.

Sincerely,

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Dear Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission,

Many low-income residents are faced with a debt burden that is no fault of their own due to the pandemic, through loss of jobs, hours, or other additional income. Many residents were just barely making ends meet prior to the pandemic. If we are truly, truly are all in this together, we need to find a way to share the burdens of the pandemic instead of leaving the burden in the lap of our fellow citizens. Turning off power negatively impacts the health of especially our most fragile citizens that need electrical equipment to function. Turning off the power has obvious health and sanitization impacts for maintaining standards of cleanliness and keeping food from spoiling. I urge the commission to follow the examples of some other cities in pledging to assist with pandemic utility debt and putting in safeguards that prevent people from losing power who have already suffered. Keep the food safe. Keep the lights on. Support the health of all Washingtonians. Thank you.

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