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Indivisible Vashon requests an extension of the Governor's utility shutdown moratorium until the counties in which ratepayers both live and work have returned to "re-opening phase 4".

Ratepayers, through no fault of their own, and in service to public health, have been asked to stay home during the Coronavirus pandemic. Job losses, associated with compliance with government directives, have been substantial. Only until ratepayer's home county and employment county have entered Coronavirus re-opening phase 4 are those ratepayers likely to have access to sustained employment.

Utility security is economic security

Consider that you're furloughed or laid off because of the virus. Lucky to have unemployment insurance which barely pays for food and rent. Now the utility bill arrives, past due. The Governor's moratorium on utility shutoffs ends in six weeks. Food, water, rent, phone or heat? Tough choices.

We should not ask ratepayers to decide between rent, food, water for food preparation and hand washing, telephone service for internet, 911 protection and applying for services and energy to heat homes and keep lights on.

I am calling on the Utilities and Transportation Commission to ensure that people have access to stable, debt-free utility service during this pandemic and beyond. Key provisions include creating no debt for poor and working-class families, just payment plans for all utilities and no fees and disconnects.

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