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To whom it may concern,

On July 28th, Governor Jay Inslee's moratorium on utility shut-offs expires. At that point, households with past-due utility bills could see all of their bills come due at once, or see their energy, water, internet, or phone service shut off.

I am writing today to ask that the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) keeps the safety and health of the people at the center of all policies and recommendations related to utility service and consumer protections for the duration of the pandemic. Access to these basic services should not be determined by our race, our income, our gender, our ability, our citizenship status, or the language we speak at home. Utility shut-offs will have catastrophic impacts on many in our communities, including students engaged in distance learning and individuals with chronic health conditions that require reliable, accessible, and uninterrupted utilities.

To ensure that access is universal and people-centered, I am writing in solidarity with other community members for the following demands related to [docket number U-200281](#):

1. **Indefinite moratorium on utility shut-offs.** The pandemic will likely extend beyond this year. Economic recovery will surely take longer. We need to ensure that all Washingtonians have access to utilities for the duration of the pandemic and through recovery.
2. **Utility debt erasure for poor and low-income households that would eradicate utility debt accrued since the start of the pandemic and through recovery.**
3. **Institute 4-6% of income arrearage payment plans for households.** We're advocating for payment plans where households with overdue utility bills pay a maximum of 4-6% of their monthly income to their utility bill. After 12 months of consecutive payments, the rest of the debt would be forgiven.

Thank you,  
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