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Dear Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC),

As members of the Washington Utility and Transportation Commission, I am asking you to represent the citizens you are pledged to serve. At a time when every one of us is impacted by COVID, you need to work creatively and quickly to require that our publically-authorized power companies continue to provide power to all customers, not just those who continue to have a sustainable income.
Here is your opportunity to lead, to show your commitment to the people you represent, and to act on the values that create and sustain communities. Require that utilities avoid shutting off power to those most in need of support during this pandemic.

More than six months into the COVID-19 crisis, it is clearer than ever that the effects of the pandemic are not going away anytime soon. We need to act accordingly. It is imperative that our leaders pass the protections working people need, starting with debt relief, to get and stay well in this pandemic and beyond. Washington can be a state where everyone - no matter their race, income, or where they live -- has access to electricity and clean water. This is a state where people's health and well being, not corporate profits, can drive policymakers' decisions. Utilities are more essential than ever to keep our communities healthy and safe. Together, we must make sure that Washingtonians can count on essential utilities.

I am calling on the Utilities and Transportation Commission to do everything in its power to ensure that people have access to stable, debt-free utility service during this pandemic and beyond. This includes:

--Extend the moratorium on utility shut offs to at least April 30, or whenever all the counties in a utility's service territory have been in Phase 4 of Washington?s Safe Start Plan for at least 60 days
--No debt for poor and working class families
--Just payment plans for all utilities
--No late fees, disconnection fees, or reporting to credit agencies
--Ratepayers should not have to pay for all COVID-19 costs during this global crisis -- utilities must consider cutting executive and/or shareholder pay to ensure people's basic health and safety.

Sincerely,

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