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Dear Utilities and Transportation Commission Washington State,

Dear Commissioners,

I stand in support with the request to ensure that Washington can be a state where everyone -- no matter their race, income, or where they live -- has access to electricity and clean water. At this moment, it is clearer than ever that access to utilities is itself threatened for large numbers of people in this state. Utilities are more essential than ever to keep our communities healthy and safe.

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 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 costs during this global crisis -- utilities must consider cutting executive and/or shareholder pay to ensure people's basic health and safety.

It is deplorable that privately-run utilities are not making dividend cuts to their foreign investors, at this time of economic difficulty for so many who have no choice for their energy service. In addition, when our State is back in economic recovery, these same utility companies should not be allowed to "recoup" these lower dividend payouts, on the back of their captive ratepayers.

Thank you for your consideration of the above requests for all of our residents,
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