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Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor
Office of the Governor
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

I write to you today with a sense of urgency. Clean water is the first line of defense against the spread of COVID-19. Currently, municipal water and wastewater systems in the Commonwealth are not under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission and are not prohibited from terminating service during the Covid-19 pandemic. To ensure the health and safety of all Pennsylvanians, I urge you to issue a moratorium on terminating water and wastewater service provided by municipal systems.

On March 6, 2020, you issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the Commonwealth that identified the Covid-19 pandemic as a disaster emergency. Soon after, the Public Utility Commission issued an Emergency Order establishing a prohibition on the termination of electric, gas, water, wastewater, telecommunications and steam heat utility service by investor-owned utilities. However, this moratorium does not apply to over 2,000 municipal water and wastewater systems in the Commonwealth, which reach all corners of the state. This means customers in over 2,000 communities are not afforded the same protections as customers of private water and wastewater companies.

Financial hardships and other economic disruptions due to Covid-19 persist in the Pennsylvania and may continue for months to come. Access to water and wastewater services is a public health necessity, especially during this public health crisis. To that end, we believe it is of the highest priority to ensure no one is without water and wastewater service during this pandemic.

Yours In Service,

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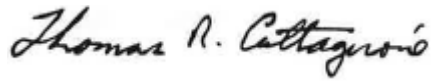
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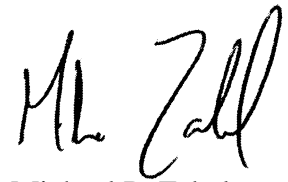
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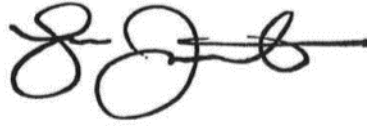
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