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Cynthia F. Leitzell, Chair  
Board of Directors of Chester Water Authority  
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Dear Chairwoman Leitzell,

As State Representative, I want to lend my voice to those in our community fighting to save the Chester Water Authority (CWA) from privatization.

The sale of the CWA would give a one-time cash infusion to a municipality without addressing the underlying causes of its financial hardship. Conversely, the CWA is well-run, delivering high value to its customers, and is in no need of reorganization of its award-winning operations. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a crippling economic impact on residents and ratepayers for over a year, and as we learned the hard way, the Commonwealth must be circumspect when using executive powers during these difficult times.

I am also concerned about the preservation of the Octoraro Reservoir. If the CWA is sold, there is no guarantee the 2000 acres of valuable land assets will not be parceled off for development. We may face the loss of scarce open space and precious natural habitats, which provide needed environmental and recreational benefits.

The CWA is an independent municipal authority with its own governing board, and it is because of this independence, financial solvency and steadfast service to over 200,000 consumers that I am against the sale.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 610-358-5925.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Williams".

Craig Williams