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Chester Water Authority
Board of Directors
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Sent via email to: savecwa@chesterwater.com

Dear Board members,

The S.A.V.E. Board of Directors would like to extend its support to the Chester Water Authority. Your exemplary status as an independent municipal authority has successfully provided a public water resource for several decades to thousands of customers within and beyond our organization's area of interest.

We are very familiar with the Octoraro Creek and the Octoraro Reservoir and your commitment as a community partner to protect the land and other natural resources that ensure safe drinking water for your customers. We have witnessed your cooperation with the local municipalities, the Octoraro Watershed Association, and other conservation groups throughout the region. You are highly respected by the public as a trusted government entity that cares for and protects the critical natural resources that are abundant throughout your properties. In return for public access to these properties, the public does their part to share in the stewardship of these unique natural resources.

The threat of a sale of these assets has brought much unrest to the larger community. There are many beyond the public water customer base who care about this watershed. Everyday, the public can witness the existence of wildlife habitat and they appreciate these connections to nature. It would be a far reaching tragedy to have these assets unprotected and in the hands of an Investor Owned Utility, which by design would be motivated by profit. These precious resources can never be replaced, but they have the potential to be monetized by those who have no connection to them, which is why we support your autonomy as a trusted guardian of these assets. We never imagined that a municipal authority could be subjected to such a threat.

S.A.V.E.'s mission is to promote the quality of life and community character of southern Chester County through Smart Growth principles that support safe transportation, agriculture, villages and the environment. Many S.A.V.E. supporters live in the service area and benefit from the natural resources of the Chester Water Authority. We strongly support you.

Sincerely,

Blair Fleischmann
Executive Director

cc: Governor Tom Wolf
Senator Andrew Dinniman
Representative John Lawrence
Chester County Commissioners