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Chester Water Authority
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The Pennsylvania Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers is dedicated to protecting our public lands and waters and assuring access is maintained for sportsmen and women now and for the generations that follow.

We enthusiastically support Chester Water Authority (CWA). CWA must remain a municipal authority and not be sold to a for-profit water company.

CWA is a fiscally responsible entity that provides Pennsylvanians with valuable benefits:

- Protects the watershed. The water comes from the Octoraro Creek, which feeds the Octoraro Reservoir in Chester County, and some from the Susquehanna River.
- Maintains 2000 acres surrounding the two-billion-gallon Octoraro Reservoir adding to Chester County's open space commitment.
- Encourages residents' stewardship of Pennsylvania's natural lands.
- Allows free access to the Octoraro Reservoir. From fishing to hiking, the lands are open to the public for enjoyment and recreation.
- Preserves the natural habitat of wildlife, including bald eagles, wild turkeys and heron.

The loss of CWA as municipal authority would ensure that Pennsylvanians would lose access to these public lands and the benefits that they provide.

We recommend that CWA and its holdings are placed in a trust to ensure its protection for the citizens of the Commonwealth now and in the future.

Sincerely,
The Pennsylvania Chapter
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