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TO:
State Representative Aaron Bernstine
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Dear Representative Bernstine,

On behalf of the 165,000 members of SEIU Local 32BJ, I am writing to express our support for a bill that amends the Borough Code to standardize billing for municipal electric customers. This bipartisan legislation helps our communities by ensuring that working families have reliable, quality electric service with stable and reasonable prices.

In House District 10 (HD10), community members are forced to receive electricity through electric lines owned by the borough. As a result, community members in HD10 sometimes see their electric bills increase by 100-200 per cent on a month-to-month basis, regardless of consumption.

This practice makes it impossible for working families to budget for their electric bill and is resulting in many households having their service turned off. Under Representative Bernstine and Snyder's proposed legislation, a uniform and reasonable rate of pay will be established for electric consumers. 32BJ members in Ellwood City and other parts of HD10 would benefit tremendously from reliable pricing and stabilized utility service.

Today, corporate welfare is commonplace and wages are largely stagnant. We must raise wages and standards for all workers. To do this, we must strengthen worker voices on the job and in their communities to build a more equitable society. For these reasons, we are thankful for the opportunity to partner with lawmakers that put people first, not profits.

We applaud State Representative Aaron Bernstine and State Representative Pam Snyder for their leadership on this issue. We request that our allies in the State House join us in supporting this legislation, by signing on as co-sponsors.

In Solidarity,

Gabe Morgan
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