

Luly Massaro - R.I. Public Utilities Commission, Dec. 20 meeting

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I am appealing to the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission to delay any final decision on the Utility Termination Regulation Changes until there has been sufficient time for the public throughout the state to be made aware of the proposed changes and to have the time and the ability to comment on them.

There are many changes being discussed which definitely tighten the rules and exclude more people from the special protections they have had in the past. All of this would happen when the Rhode Island unemployment rate is rising once again - it is now the second highest in the country. I speak as a recently retired dentist (27 years of private practice and 12 years of teaching at Tufts Dental School) and current Jesuit Volunteer. The great majority of the clients that I deal with at the George Wiley Center are the working poor - out of work, out of unemployment benefits. They would be very happy to have a decent job and not have to go around begging for financial help. Please remember that anyone one of us could be in their position if we lost our job or suffered a medical setback.

Thanks for your consideration,

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