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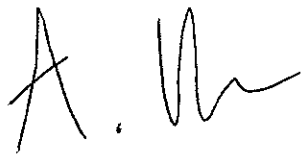
Dear members of the Public Utilities Commission,

I'm writing to urge you to consider creating a new Percentage of Income Payment Plan, or PIPP, in Rhode Island.

Access to utilities is necessary for both the functioning of our society and the preservation of life. Loss of access can result, quite literally, in death: in 2010, 11 people died in Detroit due to their utilities being cut off. In Rhode Island, over 20,000 people have their utilities shut off every year, leaving them struggling to survive. A PIPP plan would significantly reduce this number, with positive reverberations throughout our society.

PIPP are not untested. They currently exist in over a dozen states, including Ohio, New Jersey, and Maine. We've also been here before in Rhode Island: from 1986 to the mid 1990's, Rhode Island had a PIPP in place that reduced hundreds of household's utility bills. By adopting a new PIPP, you can make a difference for the poorest families in the state. Please give serious consideration to doing so.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Littlejohn



The Lord is God, and He has
made His light shine upon us.

Psalm 118:27

Dear Chairperson Margaret Curran,

My name is Cristal Abreu. I was born in Providence and moved to East Providence in a small apartment as my father worked for a sub-minimum wage while starting a business. He was successful. At age 3 we moved to Rehoboth, MA and for my most formative years I lived like a princess went to the best schools, and never lacked for anything. Until my father made a bad decision trying to protect my family and went to jail. I have suffered poverty due to another poor decision and my own inability to escape poverty in subsequence. I have lived on both sides of the coin. My life is so difficult and i struggle day to day. I remember my mother making payments on bills and our grandmother sending money in order to help. As a community we just want to survive and have a quality life. It has been scientifically proven that poverty causes depression, and depression alcoholism, drug abuse and suicide. So please help us. Poverty equals death. A helping society is a harmonious society. Please have a heart and do not do what so many politicians with money do and blame us for what we were born into. We are all humans and we all deserve to survive and thrive. Please pass the percentage income payment plan (PIPP). This plan will allow low income Rhode Islanders pay for fairer rates for their utility bills.

For further information please call the George Wiley Center located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at (401)-728-5555.

Sincerely,

Cristal Abreu.

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Chaperson Curran

My name is Shawnice (Niece) and was born in Providence and raised within 3 cities in Rhode Island. I support the PIPP For many reasons. One for a example is that I defend those with Financial issues, mostly because I know how it feels like. I also support it because I believe that people shouldn't struggle with such necessities, I am a devoted person when it comes to common life issues, I am even enrolled to a housing class at my school. I really wish for the best for this, for I feel like people should be able to afford their utilities. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my report.

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Chapperson Curran,

My name is Alicia Wescott
I live in Pawtucket Rhode Island.
The George Wiley center has explained
now a while back there was a
income payment plan that helped
people that didn't have enough
money to pay their utility bills.

Many people qualified to get
this plan in the United States so
I fully support PIPP because they
help people that don't have money
to pay for their utility bills.

Thank you for your time I
hope you consider going through
with PIPP to help many people in
need.

Sincerely
Alicia Wescott

334 Pleasant St. #2
pawtucket, RI 02860

Chairperson Curran,

My name is Xavier Smith and I live in pawtucket Rhode Island. The George Whiley center has gave me a percentage of income payment plan which has already worked before over a dozen states by lowering 90% of elderly custom heating bills. Even though this has helped others around the country, vs Rhode Islanders still, you know we don't have high paying jobs, therefore ~~it~~ makes it harder for us to pay those high utility prices. It's nice that Pipp's benefit other families but Rhode Island has family as well, which is why PIPP is needed automatically.

Sincerely, Xavier Smith

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Dear, Margaret Curran

Hello my name is Zaaria Janoudi I live in Pawtucket im 14 years old I am from Syria and I go to bluestone Academy charter school I love science it was always my favorite and I always loved electricity. I support the Percentage of income Payment Plan (PIPP) because this program helps and saves families who are not able to pay the full bills because it's a struggle. I also support it because it reduces the numbers of utility shut offs and if you ~~can~~ join PIPP than the number of utility shut offs would make a major drop. This is all I have to say thank you for your time and I hope you consider my request

Sincerely, Zaaria Janoudi

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Pawtucket, RI 02860

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Chairperson Curran,

Hello, my name is Tamalee and I currently live in Pawtucket Rhode Island.

I want more affordable utility policies. Because it helps us people to see, cook, in the dark, cook, and use any devices.

One time in Puerto Rico my mom was struggling with her job and really didn't earn a lot of money. She only earn a few bucks to buy food. And it was

very hard for us without utility, I support PIPP because it saved families money. ~~As an example~~ PIPP in Rhode Island, over 20,000 people have their power shut off every year.

Sincerely, Tamalee Torres

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334 Pleasant St, #2 Pawtucket, RI 02860

Dear

My name is Nathan DeBarros and I'm a junior at Blackstone Academy Charter School. I'm 16 years old and live in Pawtucket Rhode Island. At a young age I understood the value of a dollar. I was able to tell my parents were struggling and when my power, heat, and other utilities would go out I'd try to give the money I saved for years to try and help. P.I.P.P is a perfect way to prevent what has happened to my family to others. When Rhode Island had this program families in Warwick were able to save over \$200 a year. With that money they could use it to buy other necessities to survive. Thank you for your time and I hope you take this letter into consideration so families won't have to stress over bills.

Sincerely,
Nathan DeBarros

334 Pleasant St. #2
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Hello, my name is Jocelyn I am a student at blackstone Academy charter school and a member of the central Falls Community.

I support PIPP because many families with low income have to pay for all their bills and one of them is the electrical bill that's more than what they can afford. I am one of those who my family doesn't get much income and my family has to pay more money than what they are suppose to. I am taking a class called Housing and homelessness and we care about these situations.

Lastly it's not fair that those who can't afford for the bill has to worry every single month.

Thank you for your time and reading my letter, I hope we can make a change.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Pedroza

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344 Pleasant
St. #2 Pawtucket
RI, 02860

Chairperson Connor,

Hello, my name is Alexis, I lived
in Pawtucket Rhode Island. I want
you to bring more affordable utility
policies. My experiences when it happen
to my family. My ~~mom~~ parents are
working so hard to support us. I'm
glad for my parents what they did.
I would support PIPP. Because
PIPP would save many families
it would be saving \$800 per year.
I would like my family to have
PIPP. I want to build the ~~power~~
~~to the power to change the power~~
to change the policy.

Thank you
Alexis Torres

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40 Grove Street
Providence RI
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I Madona Trottier, support the percentage income payment plan. I have a hard time trying to pay my utilities and rent and buy food and I need all of them. My situation now is difficult and I am having a hard time trying to make ends meet. For example I had cancelled all of out life insurance policies because I could not pay them. The bank kept sending notices and adding interest to my account. So I had no choice but to cancel them all. If I have smaller utility bills that had a percent I know I could pay. I would not have to cancel my policies. I am asking for your support for the PIPP program because it would help me and my people like me.

Madona Trottier

40 Grove St.

Providence, RI 02909

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My name is Stephen Tobin and during the winter months especially the heating bill is extremely high and difficult to afford. Someone like myself, with disabilities, I find it difficult to pay rent, heating and food, the basic necessities.

I am asking for your support for PIPP, the Percentage Income Payment Plan, which would lower the amount of individuals, like myself, budget directed toward heat and electricity. This program existed in the 1980's so we are not asking to reinvent the wheel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Tobin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen Tobin

334 Pleasant St
Pawtucket, RI 02860

Chairperson Cyran,

My name is Unique Perry and I live in Central Falls, Rhode Island. After learning about PIPP (percentage of Income Payment Plan), I believe that families ~~that~~ ~~are~~ ~~able~~ ~~to~~ ~~with~~ that receive a low-income, should be able to rely on PIPP so that they wouldn't have to worry about paying other bills, when PIPP has them covered.

Sincerely,
Unique Perry

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Javon Gonzalez

334 pleasant St 02860

Dear Chairperson Curran,

My name is Javon Gonzalez I'm
an a rising Jr at Black Stone Academy.
I'm writing this to you because I feel
like p.p.p is a way to reduce utility
bill and will benefit the people who live
in poverty. This has impact me and my
family when I was about three years
old my mom wouldn't be able to
feed me and my sister and that's because
she was caught up in paying her bills.
I feel like no family should have
to chose between heat/house or food
because these are the two most important
thing to survival. Thank you for hearing
the youth of the future. I thank you
for considering this plan I believe this
will be a great way to support the
community.

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Sincerely Javon

Gonzalez

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Chaperson Corran,

My name is Justin ^{PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION} and I am a scholar at

Black Stone academy. I may not be old enough to understand politics or economic injustice

but I do understand this organization and what they stand for which is a

percentage of income payment plan, PIPP for short. My family hasnt struggled in the decant of any years but I do get

frightened to the day my mother and father sit me down just to explain to me that one day or

one week or even one month we will not be able to afford hot

water or electricity. Till the day that might come I ask

you take this in some what shape of form, under consideration.

Thank you for the time you took out of your day just to send a useless peace of paper

that may not make a difference

to you or the economy in Rhode Island.

Sincerely, Justin V

334 Pleasant St #2

Pawtucket, RI 02860

Dear

My name is Andrew Simonds, I'm a sophomore at Blackstone Academy, taking a class about housing and homelessness. I'm also a member of the Pawtucket community. As a young teenager I understand how many people see a few dollars on the ground and feel like they have found 100 dollars. The reason some people feel like that is because they have to pay so much for their utilities. I support PIPP because they reduce the number of ~~utility~~ utility shutoffs, in Rhode Island over 20,000 people lose their power every year, with PIPP that number could decrease dramatically. Thank you for your time and I hope you consider my request.

Sincerely,

Andrew Simonds

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Pawtucket, RI 02860

Dear Chapman Curran,

My name is Britney and I am a 10th grader at Blackstone Academy Charter School. I live in Pawtucket. I support PIPP because it makes everyone's bills more affordable. Many people's utilities because they can't afford to pay their bill then their ~~household~~ power gets shut off. It's the ~~the~~ right thing to do for everyone to be able to pay how much they can, without getting their power shut off. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Britney Montrond

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3341 Pleasant St. #2 Pawtucket 02860

Champeron Curran,

~~How~~ Hello my names Jeffrey other known as Jay, I am from a small city called Pawtucket. I am writing to you about this amazing plan called PIPP that basically helps families with low income get by. I know the struggle of seeing my mom and I just barely getting by, I remember when I was still very young with my siblings sleeping in a small room that one of our uncles lended to us till my mom could get back on her feet. I remember we all had to share a small mattress with a blanket that just barely I was able to cover us all, and I'm telling you that sucks! to be in the situations we were in and I would hate to see any other family go through things like that. I hope you consider ~~make~~ passing this "PIPP" to help these low income families.

Sincerely - Jeffrey Rodriguez

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Sincerely,

Jocelyn Pedroza

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184 Rosemere Rd
Pawtucket, RI 02861

Chairperson Curran,

Hello my name is Michael Ochoa, and I'm writing to you about PIPP. My family has never had to go through getting our utilities cut, but we've come close many times. The amount of money my family makes isn't enough to pay everything we need to pay. To manage with the utility bills we skip other bills just so our power isn't cut. This helps us keep our utilities, but it causes other problems such as having our communications taken away or not having enough to buy all the food we need. With PIPP this could change. It would make it much easier on us as it would charge us based on our income, and not some imaginary amount of money my family doesn't have. Back in 1988 PIPP lowered utility costs of 46.7% to only 6.2% of their income! Now a days most Rhode Islanders pay 44% of their income on utilities, and this could change with your help. So please make PIPP happen to help those who need it.

Sincerely,
Michael Ochoa

RI
Central Falls
19 Crossman St.

CONTACT: 401-451-5006
JoshuaVargas@icloud.com

Dear Margaret Curran,

My name is Joshua Vargas and I live in Central Falls. I have recently learned about a payment plan known as PIPP (Percentage of Payment Plan) and how it could help financially struggling tax payers. I want more affordable utility rates due to the mutual benefits. When citizens and home owners gain help and manage to stay balanced then they can pay the government and their own bills. When they can pay the government, you can earn a better budget for PIPP and Local RI plans. I don't know much about the government but I do know that its made to help those in need.

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Sincerely, Joshua Vargas

17 Liberty St. Wakefield, RI

Dear Margaret Curran,

My name is Victoria O. and I live in Wakefield, Rhode Island. This letter is about the Percentage of Income Payment Plan, or PIPP. PIPP is working in over a dozen states and it has worked in Rhode Island before too. PIPP could be a really good choice for low income families that can't afford to pay their bills. If you look at the percentages of how many people get evicted because they can't pay their bills before PIPP and then when PIPP was being used there's a big difference.

— Thank you
Victoria

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July 25th 2017

22 Lake st.
Pawtucket, RI 2nd floor 02860
Esperanza.guevara@rimc.org

To whom it may concern,
My name is Esperanza Guevara and I live
in a 3 floor apartment in Pawtucket. In
the past me and my family's power & heat
has been cut ~~to~~ forcing us to take
~~to~~ some drastic measures. I believe
that no one else and my family should
go through that, therefore I encourage
you to support a Percentage Income Payment
Plan (PIPP).

Thank you,
Esperanza Guevara
~~Esperanza Guevara~~

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550 Power Road
Pawtucket Rhode Island
02860

Ms. Curran,

my name is Sean Silva and the reason why I'm writing this letter is because there are many people who have electronic furniture that can't afford to pay the bills for living with can be a problem in some cases. The main reason why is that having to struggle in depth of this can be a hard issue to solve.

Sincerely

Sean Silva
contact (401)-429-3801

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1228 Leah St

Providence, Rhode Island

Hi my name is Juan Figueroa and I want to encourage you and to help PIPP. Support Struggling Family so they can save money. PIPP can reduce the number of ~~utility~~ utility ~~shutoff~~ shutoff. It helps tons of people. ☺

584 Hunt St., Central Falls, RI

Dear Ms Curran,

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My name is Alexa Carias-Flores, and I live in Central Falls. I want more affordable utility rates because I have some family who live in low income homes, and I know that they have to skip some meals just to be able to pay their bills. PIPP would be able to help them if the plan were in Rhode Island. Thank you for reading.

Sincerely,

Alexa Carias-Flores

alexacariasflores@gmail.com

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~~To Job~~

To Job St Austyn Spitznagel PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ms. Curran,

Hello my name is Austyn and I live in Providence
and I think we should go back to how
it use to be regarding your utility
bills as Rhode Islanders pay 44% of our
income to utility but we used to
pay only 30% to our utility. So we
want that back we don't have
enough money to pay all of our
bills because of utility.

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Chairperson Margaret Curran
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I, the undersigned member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, endorse the adoption of a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) for low-income gas and electric utility customers in Rhode Island, as proposed by the George Wiley Center. The PIPP plan makes gas and electric utility service affordable, with tiered income-sensitive rates based on a percentage of a household's income. This type of plan exists in twelve states nationwide, including in New England, and has previously existed in Rhode Island. This plan would be a more equitable way for low-income Rhode Islanders to afford utility service, and at the same time leave households with a better ability to manage other basic needs.

Vincentians try to ameliorate the most difficult needs through various programs. Many times we are called on to help someone find funds to restore electric or gas service. Last year Rhode Island had more than 27,000 utility shut-offs on households struggling with unaffordable bills. Those numbers are unacceptably high, and we would like to see shut-offs decrease by implementing PIPP in our state. Most people want to pay their bills but can't meet rising rates of housing, food, utilities, healthcare and transportation. Allowing a percentage of income plan for eligible Rhode Islanders would give households a way to budget funds and meet needs, while ensuring dignity. Bringing back PIPP will not only decrease utility terminations, it will also allow social service agencies and charities the ability to have our resources stretch further to help more people.

I ask for the support of community leaders, City Councilors, Rhode Island legislators, the Governor, and other decision-makers to put this program in place in order to create a better quality of life for all Rhode Islanders. We strongly endorse the adoption of the PIPP program in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

St. Mark's SVDP, Cranston

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Sincerely,

Carol Brito

Holy Name, SVDP, Providence

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Sincerely,

Vivian Green
St. Joseph's, SVDP, West Warwick

Secretary SVDP St Joseph W

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Paula Senno
St. Brendan's SVDP, Riverside

*St Brendan SVDP
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Sincerely,

Judy Ouellette
St. Joseph's, SVDP, West Warwick

President SVDP St. Joseph CWV

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Sincerely,

CYNTHIA CERULLO
St. Mark's SVDP, Cranston

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St. Brendan's SVDP, Riverside

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JOE & IRENE BEBARA
Our Lady of Good Help, SVDP, Mapleville

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THOMAS A. FREITAS

St. Brendan's SVDP, Riverside

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Pastor Juan Arias
664 Dyer Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920

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Dear Chairperson Margaret Curran,

My name is Juan Arias, and I am the Pastor of the Religious Organization "*El Nuevo Benacer*" at Cranston Rhode Island. I'm writing today because I want to encourage you to support a Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP). Proposed by the George Wiley Center, a Percentage Income Payment Plan would allow low-income Rhode Islanders, to pay fairer rates for our utility bills. This would allow people to pay rising electric and heating bills and reduce the number of utility shutoffs. Under a PIPP, people would not have to choose between buying food and electricity—utilities would be affordable for all Rhode Islanders.

I am asking that Rhode Island bring back the PIPP so that everyone can afford basic necessities. I want a more affordable utility rates because I have been witness of the necessities that my brothers and sisters of Rhode Island go through constantly, sometimes having to choose between buying food or clothing for their family. It is specially hard for single mothers and/or fathers to provide all the basic necessities to their children, with this being said the PIPP program has my complete support and I know it is crucial for Americans to unify in order to bring success to our country, and part of this is bringing the PIPP program alive one more time.

Thank you for your time. For more information call the George Wiley Center at (401)-728-5555, located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket Rhode Island.

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Pastor Pablo del Rosario
40 Harvest St Providence RI, 02908

Dear Chairperson Margaret Curran,

I am one of the representatives of the religious organizations of Rhode Island, and I am writing to you today because I want to encourage you to support a Percentage Income Payment Plan, this would allow low income people pay more affordable rates in their utility bills. The George Wiley Center has proposed a Percentage Income Payment Plan which has previously worked before for over a dozen of states by lowering their utility bills.

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Yours truly,
Pastor Pablo del Rosario

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Let love shine

PASTOR JOSE VELIZ

145 SUMMIT ST PAWTUCKET RI 02860

DEAR CHAIRPERSON MARGARET CURRAN,

I AM WRITING TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT OUR PERCENTAGE INCOME PAYMENT PLAN (PIPP). PROPOSED BY THE GEORGE WILEY CENTER (GWC). PIPP WOULD ALLOW LOW-INCOME RHODE ISLANDERS, LIKE MYSELF, TO PAY A FAIRER RATE FOR OUR UTILITIES AND REDUCE THE UTILITY SHUT-OFFS EACH MONTH. EACH YEAR THERE IS AN AVERAGE OF 20,000 HOUSEHOLDS THAT GET SHUT-OFF.

IN MY STATE OVER 20,000 PEOPLE HAVE THEIR ELECTRICITY SHUT OFF EVERY YEAR, AS A CONCERNED RESIDENT OF RHODE ISLAND I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE PIPP WHICH WILL DRAMATICALLY DECREASE THE NUMBERS OF UTILITY SHUT OFFS.

WE AT THE GEORGE WILEY CENTER, HOPE AND ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE THAT THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO MAKE A LIVING OR COMPLETE BASIC TASKS NEED MORE AFFORDABLE UTILITY BILLS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I GENUINELY HOPE YOU TAKE CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER. FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE GEORGE WILEY CENTER LOCATED AT 32 EAST AVENUE IN PAWTUCKET, AT (401)-728-5555.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
JOSE VELIZ

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The Lord is God, and He has
made His light shine upon us.

Psalm 118:27

Live a life filled with love.
EPHESIANS 5:2 NLT

Pastor Benjamin Vallego
381 Manton Avenue
Providence 02909

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Sincerely,
Benjamin Vallego

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Pastor Alex Rodriguez
99 Tells St Providence RI 02909

Dear Chairperson Margaret Curran,

My name is Alex Rodriguez and I am the leader at the religious organization called "Casa Revelacion Oasis". I am writing to you today because I want to support a Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP). This plan will allow low-income Rhode Islanders to pay fairer rates for their utility bills.

PIPP is currently present in twelve states. It was successfully present in Rhode Island in the late 80's and early 90's. According to a 1988 study of Warwick, a PIPP helped some households reduce their heating bills from 48.7% of their income to 8.2%. In Illinois, a PIPP lowered 90% of elderly customer's heating bill. Therefore I'm asking you to support our drive for PIPP proposed by the George Wiley Center.

For further information please contact the George Wiley Center located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at (401)728-5555.

Sincerely,

Alex Rodriguez

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Massaro, Luly (PUC)

From: Charles Feldman <cfeldmanri@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Massaro, Luly (PUC); Charles Feldman
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Please restore Utilities to all Rhode Islanders

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Hi,

I am writing to ask the PUC to restore utilities to the thousands of Rhode Islanders who are currently without utilities. A good way to do this is to adopt the Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP), endorsed by the George Wiley Center. Rhode Island has successfully used this plan in the past.

Utilities are a basic need for all Rhode Islanders. This is the reason that I support the PIPP.

Thanks,

Charlie

Charles Feldman
Providence Resident and Voter
cfeldmanri@gmail.com
401-261-5294 (c)

Orlando Gasperini
6 Pleasant View Ave
Lincoln RI, 02865

Dear Chairperson Curran,

My name is Orlando Gasperini and I live in Lincoln RI. I am writing to you today to encourage you to support a PIPP in Rhode Island to make utilities more affordable for all. I am a diabetic who was recently diagnosed with a serious heart condition. That has drastically reduced my ability to work. I don't know how I am going to pay my electric bills or my heating bills as the weather gets cold. I need the electricity to turn the furnace on, to heat up my hot water tank and to cook my special meals that I need to control my diabetes. It's everybody's right to have a fair bill. Why should someone who earns very little pay the same rate as someone with a high income? A PIPP program would ensure that I could pay my bills. It would also make bills fair for everyone. Please support affordable utilities in RI by showing your support for PIPP. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Orlando Gasperini

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Indhira Hernandez
204 Broad St.
Pawtucket RI 02860

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Indhira Hernandez and I live in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. I'm writing today because I'm a single mother and my income is very low. It's not just that I pay the same as a person that has much more income than I do. All I want is what is fair for my children and I which is to have the most basic needs, like food, electricity and gas. To not restrict basic necessities is just. My job pays a very low wage. And there is so much to pay for. Please help us to support what is just.

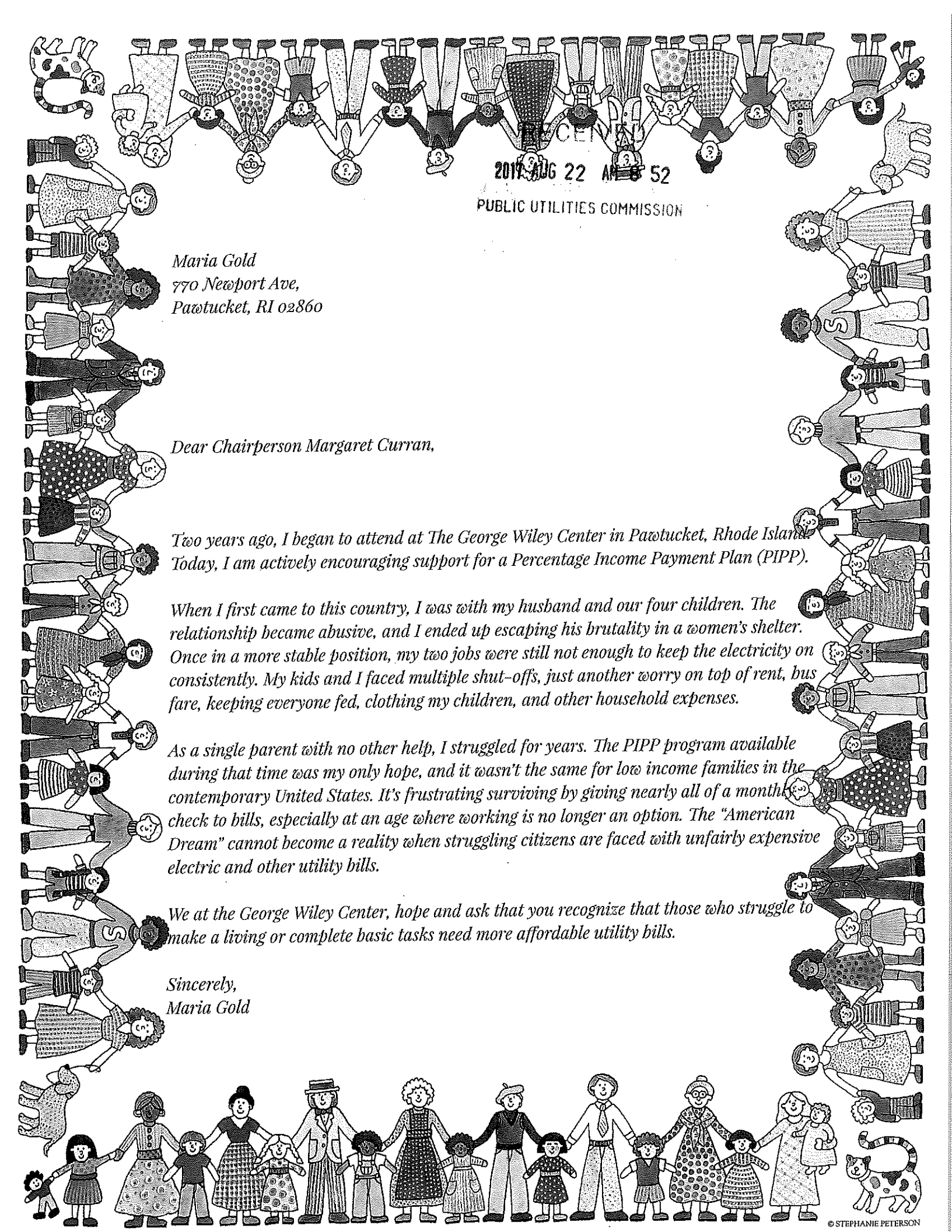
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Thank you for your time. For more information, please call the George Wiley Center, located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at 401-728-5555.

Sincerely,
Indhira Hernandez



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*Maria Gold
770 Newport Ave,
Pawtucket, RI 02860*

Dear Chairperson Margaret Curran,

Two years ago, I began to attend at The George Wiley Center in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Today, I am actively encouraging support for a Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

When I first came to this country, I was with my husband and our four children. The relationship became abusive, and I ended up escaping his brutality in a women's shelter. Once in a more stable position, my two jobs were still not enough to keep the electricity on consistently. My kids and I faced multiple shut-offs, just another worry on top of rent, bus fare, keeping everyone fed, clothing my children, and other household expenses.

As a single parent with no other help, I struggled for years. The PIPP program available during that time was my only hope, and it wasn't the same for low income families in the contemporary United States. It's frustrating surviving by giving nearly all of a month's check to bills, especially at an age where working is no longer an option. The "American Dream" cannot become a reality when struggling citizens are faced with unfairly expensive electric and other utility bills.

We at the George Wiley Center, hope and ask that you recognize that those who struggle to make a living or complete basic tasks need more affordable utility bills.

*Sincerely,
Maria Gold*

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Yohannes Bein
195 Mendon Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02861

To whom it may concern,

My name is Yohannes Bein and I live in Pawtucket. I'm writing today because I want to encourage you to support a Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP). Proposed by the George Wiley Center, a Percentage Income Payment Plan would allow low-income Rhode Islanders, like myself, to pay fairer rates for our utility bills. This would allow people to pay rising electric and heating bills and reduce the number of utility shutoffs. Under a PIPP, people would not have to choose between buying food and electricity—utilities would be affordable for all Rhode Islanders.

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I am asking that Rhode Island bring back the PIPP so that everyone can afford basic necessities. I want a more affordable utility rates because I have had to chose lately between eating and paying my bills and I do not want to go through this situation anymore.

Thank you for your time. For more information, please call the George Wiley Center, located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at 401-728-5555.

Sincerely,
Yohannes Bein

572 Hunt St
Central Falls RI,
02863

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Matilde Flores and I live in Central Falls and I want to encourage you to support the PIPP payment plan because it will drastically reduce the amount of shut offs throughout the state.

This year I've had so much difficulty paying my bills, in fact I sometimes have to decide whether I want to eat or if I want to pay my utility bills. My gas has been recently shut off due to the lack of money. This is something that an elderly woman like me should not be going through.

We are not asking for anything free or debt forgiveness instead we want to show that we are responsible enough to make our payments, this is why we want affordable utility rates.

We, the residents of Rhode Island are willing to stay on track with our payments only if our legislators are willing to support us.

For more information please call the George Wiley Center, located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at (401) 728-5555

Sincerely,

Matilde Flores

Marleny Peña
27 Union St.
Lincoln, RI 02865
August 2, 2017

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Sincerely,
Marleny Peña

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Aug. 8th, 2017

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Dear Chairperson Margaret Curran:

I thank you for the service that you continue to provide to our community and for the state of Rhode Island.

I am writing to encourage you to support our Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP). Proposed by the George Wiley Center (GWC). PIPP would allow low-income Rhode Islanders, like myself, to pay a fairer rate for our utilities and reduce the utility shut-offs each month. Each year there is an average of 20,000 households that get shut-off.

PIPP is currently present in twelve states. It successfully in Rhode Island in the late 80's and early 90's. According to a 1988 study of Warwick, a PIPP helped some households reduce their heating bills from 48.7% of their income to 8.2%. In Illinois, a PIPP lowered 90% of elderly customer's heating bill. Therefore I'm asking you to support our drive for PIPP.

Thank you for your time. Please call the GWC for more information (401) 728-5555. We are located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket RI 02860.

Your neighbor,

Calvin Drayton

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I AM ASKING THAT RHODE ISLAND BRING BACK THE PIPP SO THAT EVERYONE CAN AFFORD BASIC NECESSARIES. I WANT MORE AFFORDABLE UTILITY RATES BECAUSE EVEN PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF WHO WAS EMPLOYED CAN AFFORD TO LIVE LIKE WE SHOULD.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
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W.W. RI 02893. I AM WRITING YOU TODAY
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George Wiley

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175 West Clifford Street

Mrs. Curran

My name is Josh and I live in Providence Rhode Island and I would like more affordable utility rates so that for people who sometimes can't afford can make up and still take a hot shower in the morning I never have really had problems financially but I live in a neighborhood with a lot of homeless people

Sincerely Josh

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Matthew M.

~~Matthew M.~~
24 Wealth Ave.

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To whom this may concern;

My name is Matthew W. Maurino and I live in Providence RI. The reason I am writing this letter to you is ~~to~~ to tell you why pip matters to me. This program matters because my mom is in the midst of becoming a homeowner but there are many bills. But PIPP would really help out and also there is also evidence of PIPP working out in the past.

Sincerely

Matthew W.

Maurino

24 Wealth Ave. Providence RI 02908

40 Poccaset Ave
Herbert Ayala
02909

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Hello, my name is Herbert Ayala and I currently live in Providence, Rhode Island. I want you as a whole to bring back more affordable utility rates to help out not only my family but our neighborhood. My parents have been struggling to pay necessities around the house and it's been very hard for my mom to send money to my grandma to Bolivia to live well but has to deal with the bills that she receive. My dad works 12 hours a day to keep us stable and wouldn't be able to pay for the heating and electricity bills. My parents would constantly argue alot with these bills they receive and it's hurts me and my little brother to hear them. When I heard about PIPP (Percentage Income Payment Plan) I feel like this would help our family alot. PIPP helps Rhode Islanders to pay fairer rates for our utility bills. If you are willing to allow PIPP to come back, our state will be in a safe environment not worrying to pay extra for heavy bills. PIPP are working currently with dozen states to help out their people. I am asking that Rhode Island bring back PIPP so everyone can afford basic necessities in our state.

Sincerely,
Herbert Ayala

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49 Progress St
Pawtucket RI 02860
25 July 2017

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you from a meeting in the George W. Weyer Center to ask you to do everything in your power to get Public Utilities Commission and the Division of Public Utilities to require National Grid to adopt the Percentage of Income Payment Plan.

Good
National is now permitted to write unpaid bills off as a business expense. That means that Grid gets all ratepayers to pay all unpaid bills. In addition, Grid writes off business expenses against their corporate income tax liability.

Grid gets paid whatever happens. - Let's stop freezing our most vulnerable citizens in the dark. If we all a percentage of their income for our energy needs, we can find Grid operations more equitably.

Edward Benson

65 Ferrerest Dr

Dear Ms. Corrao,
My name is Jaylee Pena and I live in Riverside RE I would like to support a PIPP Program Planned by the George Wiley Center. This would let people pay their bills and decrease the amount of utility bills with PIPP people would be able to not have to choose between two very important things I would support PIPP

Sincerely
Jaylee Pena

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Pam Jennings
24 Lennon St.
Providence, RI 02908

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My name is Pam Jennings, I live in Mt. Pleasant in Providence. I'm writing to you about a very important program called the Percent of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)! This is a ~~new~~ program being supported by the George Wiley Center that is successful in many other states. It is a fairer way for Rhode Islanders to afford utilities. Right now thousands and thousands of our neighbors struggle every month to put food on the table and keep the lights on. They make hard decisions about whether they will buy their medication or heat their homes. It is incredibly unfair that everyone pays the same utility rates whether they are a millionaire or completely broke. We need a better way, and PIPP is the most fair and equitable solution.

People have a choice in almost everything they buy, except when it comes to utilities. Because National Grid hold a monopoly on utilities, we have no choice. Being forced to purchase their utilities from National Grid is like forcing low-income people to buy a Mercedes Benz if they need to buy a car - that would not be fair, just like charging all rate payers the same rate is not fair! Please let me know if you support PIPP, I'd be happy to provide more information.

Sincerely

Pam Jennings (pamelaj9@gmail.com)
24 Lennon St.
Providence, RI
02908

70 Charlton ave
Dear Margaret Curran,

My name is Barthima Nyeswa and I live in Pawtucket and the reason I want more affordable utility rates is because I've seen how helpful it was to the citizens of Rhode Island between 1986- 1990's, the percentage of household utility bills drastically changed in that time, from 48.7 percent to 8.2 percent, and I think cutting what was funding PIPP was a bad choice. PIPP is fair and mostly benefits the needy, with water and electricity and without those needs things could go worse. Also Rhode Island and the citizens need this we are already under federal poverty line. Rhode Island we need to reach out and help our people.

Sincerely,
Barthima N.

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1165 Pomona Ave.
Providence, RI 02908

Mrs. Curran,

My name is Carolyn Sena and I live in Providence, Rhode Island. I want more affordable utility rates because it would help people low-incomes to pay their important bills. With a PIPP, people wouldn't have to choose which one of their bills is most important because they would be able to pay all of them. With affordable utility rates, people would be able to afford necessities.

Sincerely, Carolyn S.

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Patricia Washington and I live in Providence. I'm writing today because I want to encourage you to support a Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP). Proposed by the George Wiley Center, a Percentage Income Payment Plan would allow low-income Rhode Islanders, like myself, to pay fairer rates for our utility bills. This would allow people to pay rising electric and heating bills and reduce the number of utility shutoffs. Under a PIPP, people would not have to choose between buying food and electricity—utilities would be affordable for all Rhode Islanders.

I'm not asking Rhode Island to reinvent the wheel—Percentage Income Payment Plans are working in over a dozen states right now and successfully existed in Rhode Island in the late 1980's and early 1990's. According to a 1988 study of Warwick, a PIPP helped some households reduce their heating bills from 48.7 percent of their income to 8.2 percent. In Illinois, a PIPP lowered 90% of elderly customer's heating bills—more than other utility assistance plans, like LIHEAP.

I am asking that Rhode Island bring back the PIPP so that everyone can afford basic necessities. I want a more affordable utility rates because...

I am a single mother of 3 struggling to pay my rent, utilities, and keep food on the table.

Thank you for your time. For more information, please call the George Wiley Center, located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at 401-728-5555.

Sincerely,

Patricia Washington

111 Barton St
Apt 6A Pawtucket RI
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Chairperson Margaret Curran
RI Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

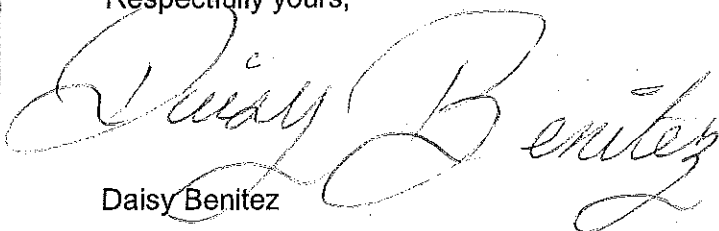
My name is Daisy Benitez and I live in Pawtucket Rhode Island. The George Wiley Center has proposed a Percentage Income Payment Plan which has previously worked before for over a dozen of states by lowering their utility bills.

Although many people have been benefited by this plan throughout the United States, Rhode Islanders have not yet achieved this goal which is crucial for the community because not all of us have a well paying job to afford high utility prices and we are concerned about this constant issue that we have to face month after month.

In my state over 20,000 people have their electricity shut off every year, as a concerned resident of Rhode Island I would like to encourage you to support the PIPP which will dramatically decrease the numbers of utility shut offs.

Thank you for your time. I genuinely hope you take consideration in this matter. For further information please call the George Wiley Center located at 32 East Avenue in Pawtucket, at (401)-728-5555.

Respectfully yours,



Daisy Benitez

88 Bagley Street, # 1
Central Falls, RI 02863

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RE: Percentage Income Payment Plan in Rhode Island

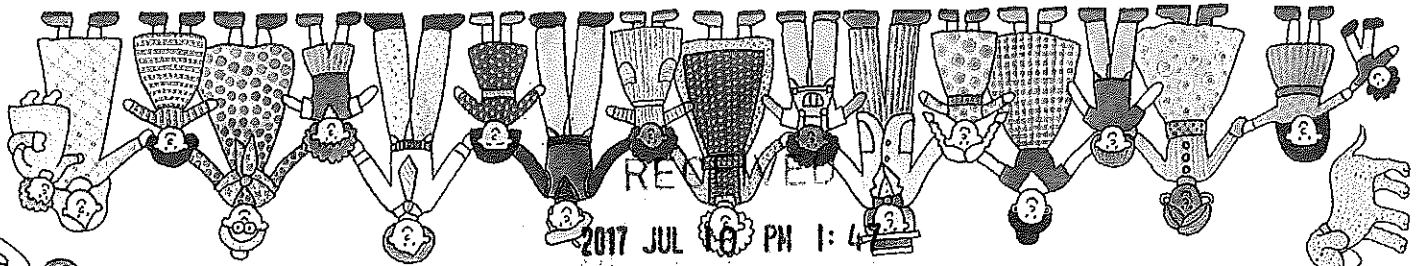
I am a senior on fixed income. I have noticed that my gas bill and electric bill is too high. By the time I pay my other bills there is really nothing left for me to pay gas or electricity. To make matter worse I live on a first floor.

I know that there is no way that I owe so much. I am formally looking for employment to be able to do the payments. Although I have caught up with health issues, I plan to find employment.

It is sad that at my age I still have to worry about paying this bill. Rhode Island is charging to much taxes in autos. Also auto insurance is too high. How am I expected to pay gas or electricity?

Sincerely yours,

Judith M. Jorge



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Suzanne Costello
10 Goff Ave.
Pawtucket, RI 02860

July 7, 2017

Chair Margaret Curran, RI Public Utilities Commission

My name is Suzanne Costello and I live in Pawtucket. I'm writing today to encourage you to support a Percentage Income Payment Plan (PIPP) proposed by the George Wiley Center. A Percentage Income Payment Plan would allow low income Rhode Islanders to pay fairer rates for utility bills. This plan would allow people to pay their rising electric and heating bills and reduce the amount of shutoffs. Under the PIPP program, people would not have to choose between food and electricity or heating their home.

This issue is one which is of particular importance to me because while I now live in subsidized housing where electricity is included, I do pay for air conditioning which recently doubled going into effect July 1, 2017, and as an Asthma sufferer air conditioning is essential at this time of year. And years ago I survived more than 1 shutoff of both gas heat and electricity while sick with Bronchitis juggling graduate school, work, and visiting my late Mom daily at an area nursing home. It was both degrading and discouraging to ask for help from local agency, church, and family members for help. Now as a Breast Cancer Survivor with multiple health problems I empathize with those people in similar situations so I am volunteering at George Wiley Center to help others prevent similar dire circumstances.

I'm not asking Rhode Island to reinvent the wheel! Percentage Income Payment Plans are working in over 12 states now and successfully existed here in Rhode Island in the late 1980's and early 1990's. According to a 1988 study of Warwick, PIPP helped some households reduce their heating bills from 48.7 percent of their income to 8.2 percent. In Illinois, PIPP lowered 90% of elderly customer's bill—more than other utility assistance plans, like LIHEAP.

I am asking that Rhode Island bring back PIPP so that everyone can afford basic necessities. I want more affordable utility rates for everyone. I hope you share in that idea becoming a reality.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Costello
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98 Jacksonia dr.

North Providence, RI 02911

maribel.ramirez@wheeler@gmail.org

7/25/17

Dear Margaret Curran,

My name is Maribel Ramirez and I live in North Providence, the state of Rhode Island needs affordable utility rates because in the long run it will affect many people on the verge of poverty. You should think about the PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN (PIPP) this plan allows people to pay a fixed percentage of their income for utility bills. Many other states have had a positive outcome like Illinois. With PIPP they were able to lower 90% of elderly customer's heating bills. Which gave them a good name. You should think about it because taxes will increase, bills will have to be skipped just to pay for 1 bill, everything will increase with people who can't afford it. Thank you for your time

Sincerely,
Maribel Ramirez

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