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To our community,

Regional Housing Legal Services and the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project were both founded on the idea that injustice could be most effectively addressed if we work together to make changes to the larger systems that affect our lives and livelihood, security, and stability. For fifty years, we have served and lived by the idea that in solidarity, we can solve problems that feel intractable by making incremental but critical changes and by adapting to challenges in our environment.

Affordable, stable housing and utility services, especially for low-income and Black communities, remains an essential need. We are acutely aware that the policy and systems changes that may lie ahead could exacerbate unaffordability, inequality, and injustice.

As attorneys and professionals, we acknowledge our uniquely privileged ability to advocate for change. One of our many strengths—one that has carried us through fifty years of social and economic change, is our ability to be both nimble and responsive in the face of great challenges. We are ready to do all we can to work in solidarity with our partners to preserve the policies and programs that *are* working-- the policies and programs that people depend on to meet their basic needs for survival, dignity, safety, and security.

We will do all we can to be an advocate and resource for our clients and for those with low incomes, women, immigrants, Black and Brown individuals and communities, those who identify as LGBTQIA+, those with disabilities, and those who are marginalized in a myriad of other ways.

Our commitment to standing with underserved individuals and communities and to speaking up in the face of injustice is unwavering. We are doggedly committed to a better version of the world.

We will continue until every Pennsylvanian has access to a healthy, safe, and affordable home in a community of choice where they can <u>thrive.</u>

In Solidarity,

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