

Public Water for Long Island!

An open letter to Long Island's Legislative delegation

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Dear Long Island Legislators:

With New York State's legislative session ending on June 10, our communities desperately need a resolution to the problem of private control of our water -- and it is your responsibility to provide one.

As our monthly water rates skyrocket, and a major deal that would hinder public ownership pending right now before the Department of Public Service, it is urgent that the Legislature unite in support of a bill that will enable the transfer of ownership of this most precious resource to where it belongs: with the people.

For months, the Assembly and Senate have been unsuccessfully negotiating over different versions of different bills -- but we don't want or need half-measures. We need you to come to agreement on a solution that covers every household in American Water's service territory in the region.

With timing running out, you must pass legislation establishing a Nassau County Water Authority or establishing authorities for American Water's south shore and north shore territories, creating a system that is by, of, and for the people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully

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