



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Office of the Governor

Ralph S. Northam
Governor

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Office of the Clerk
State Corporation Commission
P.O. Box 1197
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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to request an extension of the suspension of utility service disconnections through at least August 31, 2020. The moratorium on disconnections is in place pursuant to the State Corporation Commission's March 16, 2020 order, and I was appreciative of your swift implementation. Virginia is working tirelessly to protect public health, mitigate the worst impacts of COVID-19, and support communities across the Commonwealth, especially those who need it the most during this time. An extension of the moratorium would significantly help many Virginians impacted by COVID-19. I also recommend requesting and sharing the appropriate information about the affected utility accounts and related financial impact to help inform next steps, such as the development of payment plans.

I commend you for recognizing the economic hardships that families in Virginia are facing during this unprecedented time. We know that communities of color are being disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 and extending the moratorium will give impacted communities across the Commonwealth needed time to adjust to the circumstances.

Virginia is seeing positive signs after our phased easing of public health restrictions, but I know that the impacts of COVID-19 are far from over. I hope you will allow the continuance of these vital utility services as we work to navigate this pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration on this important topic. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam