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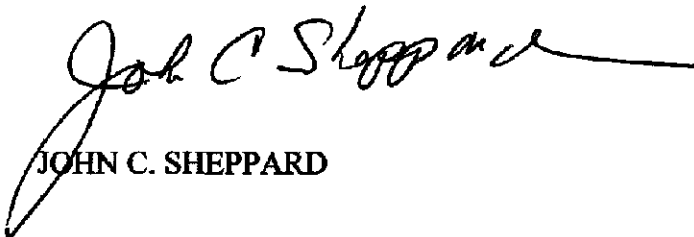
Re: 07-1112-WS-AIR

Dear Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter after receiving my copy of The Blendon Township Bulletin. I am a senior citizen living on a fixed income and every money issue is important to me as well as the other senior citizens. While the break on our property taxes was appreciated and the "stimulus", which was a one-shot drop-in-the-bucket, was welcome the proposed water rate increase is something that will cause hardships on many budgets. The dramatic increase in the cost of gasoline hurts our wallets both at the pumps it also hits hard when shopping for food. I live alone and since I do all the shopping I can see where the price of everything has risen dramatically and there is no end in sight. The proposed rate increase will just be an additional hardship. Please consider the many senior citizens this will affect.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely yours,



JOHN C. SHEPPARD

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