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Dear Tennessee Public Utility Commission,

I am writing to ask that you please reinstate a ban on utility shutoffs for the duration of this pandemic. Since your Commission re-allowed shutoffs last fall, we know that tens of thousands of people have been faced with disconnects of gas, water, and electricity. And those who are struggling to pay are struggling through no fault of their own. Faced with recession, layoffs, new childcare responsibilities due to remote learning, caring for themselves or others who have been infected with COVID-19, paying related COVID-19 hospital bills--the pandemic has massively impacted working families in TN financially. Punishing them with shutoffs right now is cruel.

Meanwhile, because so many people have been sheltering in place, their electric usages have increased, leading to higher bills. This has also led to record profits for utilities companies during this pandemic. I ask that you join other states like Maryland and Illinois and that you develop plans to force these utility companies to redistribute these excess profits to the People in the form of debt relief and cancellation programs.

Please meet with the Stop the Shutoffs Committee to discuss this all. Our petition, which now has close to 200 signatures, has been ignored by your Commission thus far. As a public body, we ask that you remain accountable to the public, and that you please listen to and engage with us on this issue.

Sincerely,

Nick Goodell  
Stop the Shutoffs Committee