

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
Save the Water Campaign  
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Philadelphia, PA 19107  
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**To Akron Citizens to Save Our Sewers and Water:**

The women of "Save the Water," a Campaign of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom send our heartfelt and deep support to the Akron community in your fight to save your wastewater/sewer system. The provision of safe, sufficient and affordable water to the community is a service that must be under local community control. It should not be in the hands of a private corporation that takes profits out of the community to distant corporate headquarters to enrich executive salaries and corporate shareholders. Private ownership or private contracts to manage and operate have been shown in most instances to lead to high cost, increased rates, poor service and quality.

We salute you for taking democracy into your own hands and starting this initiative petition drive which will put the decision of keeping public water utilities public into the hand of the voters and not the politicians.

Water and especially clean water is a part of the commons for all and a necessary element essential to all life.

Do not let it be taken away. Keep water in your local control, not that of a foreign multi-national corporation. Akron is not alone in stepping up to the challenge to mobilize to assert community rights over corporate rights and proclaim that water is a human right. This is occurring in many places nationwide and globally. You are on the front-lines of the struggle and as such are "water warriors."

May you have great success and show others the "power of the people united."

As W.H. Auden said: "Thousands have lived without love, not one has lived without water."

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