

## CAUSE-PA:

A great opportunity for low income individuals and advocates to have a voice in policy issues and legal cases dealing with utility affordability, accessibility, and safe service.

## Interested in Learning More?

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## Executive Committee

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## Our Goals

- Improve the availability and effectiveness of utility-run customer assistance programs.
- Promote policies to combat energy insecurity.
- Increase access to and the funding of hardship grants dedicated to the maintenance and restoration of utility services.
- Work with partnering organizations to improve access to weatherization and energy efficiency programs.
- Work to redefine categories of utility rate classes that currently impede access to weatherization and affordability measures for low income families residing in mass-metered, multi-family housing.
- Increase public awareness of energy poverty and the services and supports needed by families to achieve self-sufficiency and meet essential needs.
- Promote changes to the law that will allow families to achieve energy stability and economic independence and ensure that families have sufficient income and support to meet their basic needs and improve their standard of living.



## CAUSE-PA

The Coalition for  
Affordable Utility Services  
and Energy Efficiency in  
Pennsylvania

## Who We Are

We are a diverse coalition of low income Pennsylvanians, and organizations committed to assisting low income Pennsylvanians, which advocates for affordable utility service by regulated and non-regulated utilities in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CAUSE-PA also advocates for affordable weatherization and energy efficiency measures that will assist low income Pennsylvanians by reducing energy consumption.

CAUSE-PA membership is open to low and moderate income individuals residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and advocates (including organizations) who are committed to the goal of helping low and moderate income families maintain affordable access to utility services and achieve economic independence and family well-being.

## What We Do

- Serve in an advisory role to the Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP).
- Are represented in proceedings before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) by PULP.
- Participate in monthly conference calls and annual in-person meetings.
- Give testimony before the Pennsylvania General Assembly.
- Engage in education and outreach to our communities.
- Receive access to free legal trainings to learn about issues impacting low income Pennsylvanians.

## Our Successes

### Utility Bill Assistance

- Over \$17 million of debt forgiveness and / or dollars dedicated to increased Customer Assistance Programs and refunds to low income households.

### Energy Efficiency

- More than \$25 million dollars in additional money dedicated to energy efficiency and weatherization services for low income households.

### Public Policy

- Alternative supplier (shopping) protections.
- Pilot programs dedicated to helping families move away from using space heaters as their primary heat source.
- Increased utility customer protections.

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of advocacy!*

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