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Water Affordability is Operation Fuel's Focus at 'Imagine a Day Without Water' Conference 10/23

SOUTHINGTON, Conn. (October 22, 2019) – Ensuring affordability of water utilities for Connecticut families will be the focus for Operation Fuel's Executive Director Brenda Watson when she joins Governor Ned Lamont, PURA Commissioner Jack Betkoski, and 170 other officials and water utility representatives at the Connecticut Section of the American Water Works Association (CTAWWA) and the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) annual fall conference on October 23 at Aqua Turf in Southington.

Watson is a featured speaker at the conference, where education and advocacy about the value of water will be highlighted as part of a national "Imagine a Day Without Water" initiative.

"Thanks to our partners and supporters, Operation Fuel is able to meet an important year-round need in Connecticut: helping seniors, families, and individuals with chronic health conditions pay water bills and continue to have running water in their homes," Watson said. "We are grateful for this opportunity to bring awareness to the critical issue of water affordability."

In 2018, the Metropolitan District (MDC) teamed up with Operation Fuel to provide grants to lower-income MDC customers facing termination of water service. MDC is also an important partner in Operation Fuel's #AddADollar program, allowing customers to donate funds on their monthly payment that are donated to Operation Fuel to help struggling families. This year, Operation Fuel and Connecticut Water joined forces to further extend water assistance to more state residents.

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