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Stacie, please have Harvey respond to this letter from Mayor Walling and send me a copy of the response letter.

Thanks,

Lynne

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September 14, 2015

The Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor, State of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
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RE: Call for Additional Support for Flint Water Improvement Plan

Dear Governor Snyder:

On behalf of the Flint community, I am writing with a renewed request for additional support to address Flint's water challenges to ensure that water is affordable and secure for everyone in Flint especially our vulnerable populations. I am asking for an additional \$30 million in funds for Flint's infrastructure and a new healthy homes initiative.

Significant progress has been made throughout this year to increase water safety and quality and I thank you for the involvement of your office, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Michigan Department of Treasury. A majority of items in the Water Improvement Plan are completed or underway. Most importantly, Flint is now in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act due in large part to the installation of the new carbon filter. The infrastructure systems are being made more secure and efficient through the State grants. Now the City is committed to following the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to optimize the treatment process, reduce corrosion and further minimize risks from lead.

The need to accelerate the City's capital improvement investments remains and has been further increased by the continued financial stress and legal issues. Previously I requested support for replacement or forgiveness of payment to the Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund due to Flint's status as a distressed community and the gap in funding in the adopted capital improvement plan. I understand that the existing federal law does not allow the existing Drinking Water Revolving Loans that Flint is carrying to be forgiven in retrospect but the need still exists. Flint owes approximately \$20 Million. One solution is for the State to grant a new \$20 Million that is designed as forgivable from the start. Another solution is to provide

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equivalent funding through an expansion of the grant program to Michigan's Financially Distressed Cities, Villages and Townships with a supplemental budget amendment in cooperation with the State Legislature.

The community's heightened concern about lead leeching into the water from old service lines and home plumbing also needs to be addressed. We know that lead is an environmental contaminant and there have been many programs in place over the years to address sources in paint and pipes. Flint needs a new healthy homes initiative specifically focused on lead in water with \$10 Million to start the process of replacing service lines for the most vulnerable households. Regardless of the source and treatment of Flint's water, this long term threat of lead in pipes needs to be removed in the interest of public health.

My approach continues to be to work with you and your appointed officials, State Senator Ananich, State Representatives Phelps and Neeley, Congressman Kildee, community groups, businesses, churches, foundations, the Flint City Council, and all of the City of Flint and State and Federal government personnel. We need every available expert and resource to address Flint's water problems.

Flint's safety is my top priority. Just as the City and State have worked together on public safety, we need additional support for fixing the water problems. We need \$30 Million in new funds to repair and update the city-wide infrastructure and to assist households in becoming lead-free. The entire Flint community deserves sustainable, safe, secure and affordable water now and into the future. Thank you for the consideration Governor and I look forward to future discussions.

Sincerely,



Dayne Walling
Mayor, City of Flint

CC: Flint City Council President Joshua Freeman; Congressman Dan Kildee; State Senator Jim Ananich; State Representative Sheldon Neeley; State Representative Phil Phelps; EPA Regional Administrator Dr. Susan Hedman; Chief of Staff Dennis Muchmore