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I understand Flint has lead in its older pipes and that's probably a likely source for these elevated lead levels. But I'm more interested in why was DWSD asking for \$1.5 million more a month for a short-term two-year water contract from Flint? That's what seems to have caused Flint officials to pull out of DWSD early and start pumping water from the Flint River. Or am I missing something here?

Is there someone in the administration who was involved in this decision last year who I could speak with, even if just on background.

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Hi there Chad –

Saw that you called, but am trapped on a conf call at the moment.

On this issue and your Qs would say:

Gov. Snyder spoke with Sen. Ananich this morning about how the state can continue working with Flint city leaders. We believe protecting public health is paramount and safe, clean, accessible drinking water is essential. That's what we are focused on helping ensure and deeply share the Senator's commitment to helping address the issue. We are reviewing his ideas.

The governor and state agencies have been closely working with Flint leaders on their infrastructure challenges for months, including providing \$4.2 million in grants and restructured loan financing to provide resources needed to locate and fix infrastructure problems and add the carbon filtration system, additional testing and helping identify and provide filters.

We understand that residents are frustrated, and also want to make sure they have accurate information and know where they can go if they have questions about their health and the water connections in their home. The health and safety of Flint residents is always the first priority, and that includes ensuring there is clean, safe drinking water --

especially for children. The MI Depts of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services are testing water and working with local agencies and Flint residents on issues related to what they can do if they have concerns about the pipes in their homes.

{On background: You probably recall the issues and challenges re: the history with DWSD. It's also important to note that switching back to Detroit water will not necessarily have the effect that some expect. Flint has long-term challenges with its water infrastructure that need to be addressed.}

Thanks and hope this helps.
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Sara,
Got a deadline question here about Senator Ananich's letter to the governor. Does he support having the city switch back to Detroit water until the Karegnondi pipeline is complete? Is there a plan being put together by the administration to deal with these elevated levels of lead in Flint children found by researchers at Hurley Medical Center? Can you characterize the governor's conversation with Senator Ananich today? Did he make any kind of commitment to take action?

-Chad

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FLINT, Mich.—Senate Minority Leader Jim Ananich (D-Flint) issued the following statement:

“My constituents and I believe the state must act urgently to provide concrete solutions to the public health crisis in the City of Flint. In speaking with Governor Snyder and his key aides today, I stressed the need to work together on a number of initiatives that will ensure safe water for Flint residents.

“My formal request included immediate and long-term solutions, including strong consideration for switching back to the Detroit water source until the Karegnondi Pipeline Authority project is complete. Anything less than an aggressive, comprehensive approach is simply unacceptable.”

A copy of Senator Ananich’s letter to Governor Snyder [can be viewed here](#).

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