
From: Murray, David (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 2:53 PM
To: 'Gary Ridley'
Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV)
Subject: RE: Stabenow comment on Flint water

Hello Gary,

Gov. Snyder has been proactive, and we're working with the bipartisan Flint Water Task Force that he appointed. While the task force is charged with reviewing all of the city, state and federal government actions, we also expect that members are working on recommendations that could apply to Flint moving forward, or potentially other areas that could face health and water infrastructure challenges. The task force was appointed in late October, and members at the time said they expect their work could take about three months. It's an impressive group, and we respect the work it is doing.

Here's a link to the release: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-367761---,00.html

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Dave,

I appreciate the quick response. But, I need to follow up since some things have changed since my previous email.

I just sat down with U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee who is calling for a locally-managed, state-funded health fund that would help identify and track health issues for those kids potentially impacted by the lead situation.

Would the governor be on board with this idea? Has he had discussions on creating this sort of fund?

Thanks again.

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Hello, Gary,

Flint residents need to have access to safe, clean water. Gov. Snyder and administration members continue to work closely with Mayor Weaver and other city leaders to focus on health issues affecting children and other city residents, and address water infrastructure challenges.

The state so far has offered more than \$10 million in grants and other financial assistance to cover part of the payment for the temporary switch to the Great Lakes Water Authority until Flint's new water source is ready to go online as well as efforts to improve existing city water infrastructure and purchase water filters for residents.

The governor also appointed a bipartisan task force charged with reviewing all of the city, state and federal government actions and recommending changes looking forward that can address potential challenges in Flint and other cities.

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Dave,

I was covering an event with Sen. Stabenow and the Flint water issue came up briefly. She made this statement:

"The state of Michigan, where the negligence rose, has to step up in a much bigger way to help Flint."

I wanted to check in with you and see if your office had any response to her comment. I will likely be putting something together by 3-4 p.m.

Thanks.

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