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Greetings, Charlie –

Good talking with you earlier today. We're happy to help connect you with state experts and resources as possible.

You had asked about filters. Two components of the state's action plan announced this past Friday will be mobilized tomorrow with free filters available for all DHHS clients in the area as well as any other Flint resident. (See details below).

I'm looping in the two folks here – both at the MI Dept of Health & Human Services – who can work with you and your team on securing an interview with one of the DHHS leads on the ground as well as securing footage as possible. (Just have to work through some privacy and confidentiality rules re: clients).

Angela and Bob – per our conversation, Charlie is a producer for CBS Evening News with a team in Flint today and tomorrow. They were looking for opportunities like this. Please work with him to make arrangements and see what's feasible and workable.

Thanks all,
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Water filters available for MDHHS clients, all Flint residents beginning Tuesday

LANSING, Mich. – Free water filters will be available to current Michigan Department of Health and Human Services clients and Flint residents at four locations beginning Tuesday, October 6, at 9 a.m. through a partnership between the MDHHS and the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department. Free National Sanitation Foundation certified water filters are being provided to Flint residents as part of the administration's comprehensive approach to addressing water concerns in the area.

Current MDHHS clients are encouraged to visit either the 125 E. Union St. or 4809 Clio Road MDHHS office location to obtain a free, certified home water filter. Residents who are not currently enrolled in MDHHS assistance programs should visit the Genesee County Community Action Resource Department offices located at 2727 Lippincott and 601 North Saginaw in Flint. Staff will be onsite at all four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, to distribute filters and assist residents who have questions about proper installation.

"Ensuring that families in the Flint area have access to resources that will help reduce the potential for lead exposure is our top priority," said Nick Lyon, director of the MDHHS. "I want to thank our partners who have mobilized to make water filters available – a point that highlights the importance of continued collaboration at the local, state and federal level as we move forward."

MDHHS clients in the city of Flint who are active Family Independence Program (FIP), Food Assistance Program (FAP), Child Development and Care (CDC), State Disability Assistance (SDA), or Social Security Insurance (SSI) recipients should bring valid identification and a copy of their water bill to their local MDHHS office to receive their filter free of charge. Flint residents who are not active MDHHS clients should bring identification and their water bill to the GCCARD location.

Although blood lead levels throughout the city of Flint have remained steady, last week, MDHHS data was found to be consistent with a recent Hurley Children's Hospital study indicating increased blood lead levels in children residing in two Flint ZIP codes after a 2014 change in water source. While lead paint remains the number one cause of lead poisoning in Michigan, the recent data

prompted MDHHS to take action to reduce potential lead exposures through water sources.

MDHHS is urging parents in Flint and throughout the state to do their part in preventing elevated blood lead levels in children. For more information about steps you can take now, visit www.michigan.gov/lead, or contact your local health department. For updates on Flint water and available resources, visit www.michigan.gov/flintwater.

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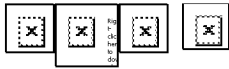
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