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Subject:

Attachments:

New reports on Flint and local government issued by MSU

beyond state takeovers.pdf; flint EM years.pdf

Good Morning,

Please find attached some new reports from MSU regarding the Flint EM years (2011-2014) which is a follow-up to our 2011 report on Flint.

Find here the original Flint report:

https://www.cityofflint.com/wp-content/uploads/Reports/MSUE_FlintStudy2011.pdf

The second report documents the role of state government in the fiscal affairs of Local Government. In particular, you will note:

- Page 9, figure 4 that Michigan escalated its local tax limitations more than almost any state except Colorado
- Page 11, figure 5, Michigan is a stick state in regards to local aid
- Page 14, figure 6, MI is ranked as being high cost and high revenue pressure (meaning revenue restrictions) which is the worst of both worlds

Our research points to the fact that Michigan policies are a major part of the cause of local fiscal distress, not the only cause but a major contributing factor. This is the first time we are aware of being able to quantify this conventional wisdom and place it in the fifty state context.

Thank you

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