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Subject: RE: Query on deadline from the Rachel Maddow Show

I was thinking about sending this, which is pretty much what I sent to NPR:

Hello Laura,

I'm happy to help.

Flint residents need to have access to safe, clean water. Gov. Snyder and the administration have been working closely with the mayor and city leaders to focus on health issues affecting children and other city residents, and address water infrastructure challenges.

Gov. Snyder in October created an action plan that focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure challenges. The plan was created at Snyder's direction by the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the city of Flint.

The plan builds upon ongoing work with local, state and federal agencies and our partnership with city and community leaders. Together, we are working to ensure that all Flint residents have accurate information and know that help is available to address potential problems. You can find a link to a release about the action plan here:

http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-366315--,00.html

The state also 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.

Information about the task force is here: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-367761--,00.html

There is a website with a considerable amount of information about testing results here: www.michigan.gov/flintwater

I **strongly recommend** that you look at the most recent release from our Department of Health and Human Services, which focuses on the most recent testing data: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_71692-371199--,00.html

For your background, the action plan includes:

- * Testing in Flint public schools immediately to ensure that drinking water is safe, with testing also available at no cost to any other school in Flint.
- * Offering free water testing to Flint residents to assure their drinking water is safe.
- * Providing free water filters to residents.
- * Expanding health exposure testing of individual homes.
- * Accelerating corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.

- * Accelerating water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.
- * Expediting the completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.
- * Expanding a Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being followed by adding an expert from the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development to the group.
- * Naming Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as the Flint drinking water public health adviser.
- * Boosting a comprehensive lead education program to make sure residents have detailed information about how to protect themselves and their homes.

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Subject: Query on deadline from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hi, Ms. Wurfel and Mr. Murray,

I'm writing from the Rachel Maddow Show, on MSNBC. We are working on a story about the water situation in Flint for tonight, and we have a few questions.

- When did the governor's office become aware of reports that lead levels were rising in Flint water?
- When did the governor's become aware of the EPA interim report showing high levels of lead in Flint and inadequacies with the city's testing?
- When did the governor's office become aware of the testing in which two samples were ruled out and the result was that Flint water met EPA guidelines, as reported by Michigan Radio?
- Does the governor take responsibility for any part of what has happened in Flint? If so, what part or parts?
- What are the governor's next steps in addressing the crisis?

Thank you for fielding these.

Laura Conaway

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