

Is this a DEQ issue?

Sincerely,

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Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:38 AM

To: VanDyke, Trevor (DNR)

Subject: FW: Flint Water and Crime Concerns

Hello.

I wasn't sure who to contact, so I'm hoping maybe you could direct me. Do you know anything about the water situation in Flint?

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To: The Office of Senator Robertson <SenDRobertson@senate.michigan.gov>

Subject: Flint Water and Crime Concerns

Dear Dave,

I trust you are doing fine. When you get to the Flint area we should have coffee and catch up.

I am very upset about the water in Flint. I am now a City of Flint resident (for the past 5 years) so I am an authority on the water concerns.

The first time they switched to the Flint River for its source, it backed up my basement with about 4" of water. I was not a happy person. I know it was a result of the change, but no one will take responsibility.

It tasted awful. I couldn't even use a simple purifier to make it taste better. So I began buying gallons and individual bottles of water to drink and use to cook. I will not even rinse my toothbrush with it. I should be able to deduct that off of my extremely high bill. Yesterday I received my bill and about gagged. \$88!!!!!!!!!!!!!! For water I cannot cook with nor drink! That is so wrong. I will not pay that entire amount! It's time I deducted for having to haul in gallons a week of decent water.

A few weeks ago I had a repaired pipe bust. More water in the basement-lovely. I am sure it's because of all the chemicals in the water. It is destroying my pipes!

Dave, please make this an immediate priority in your work. We must be returned to the Detroit Water System. There is no other way to fix this problem. Because the decision was made while the governor had appointed a city manager for the so-called help for Flint's financial situation, the State of Michigan/Governor should bite the bullet and pay to return Flint to DWS. As I said, no one can fix that Flint River water to be useable. It appears that Flint lives do not matter. The lies we've been told are detrimental to our lives. Please take immediate action to help us.

I love Flint. I realized how wonderful my neighborhood is when my garage was destroyed in August. The storm caused two of my neighbor's trees to fall on it. I had warned the property owner Richard Burris, who likes to be called Doc because he's a chiropractor, (yes it's a rental) that the next bad storm could damage my garage.

Now I'm probably going to have to sue him for the extra it's costing me to replace it as it went over and above my homeowner's insurance. That's another problem-landlords who will not properly maintain their rental properties. Perhaps some laws on the books to give them an incentive to do so would help. Anyway my neighbors gathered and gave me moral support. I love the diversity and quality of the people in my immediate neighborhood. It's a wonderful feeling to know they really care. So many other places I lived took advantage of my disability.

Other concerns involve the crime rate in Flint. We do not need fewer police and firemen. We need more. Please allow for that when you consider the financial help to Flint. There are still many decent people who live here. Sometimes I would like the northern part of Flint to be merged with Beecher and call it a war zone, rope it off and make them pay for their own police since many of the murders happen there. It sickens me that there is such a total disregard of life.

I appreciate your work as our Senator. I continue to support your ideas. And you are the only republican I would vote for. LOL. Take care Dave and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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