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Auditor General Ringler,

Please see the attached letter regarding an audit of the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA).

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

The Office of State Senator Jim Ananich
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Auditor General Ringler,

It has come to my attention that the Office of the Auditor General is conducting an audit of the Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance (ODWMA). This audit will assess the sufficiency of ODWMA's oversight of the State's drinking water and environmental health programs. As you may know, recently independent research by physicians and water quality experts verified that the City of Flint's drinking water contains hazardous levels of lead. This lead contamination is dangerous for all Flint's residents, but it is especially dangerous for the young children who live there.

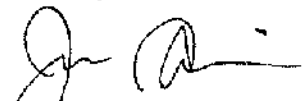
I'm hoping the audit of ODWMA will answer the following questions:

- How does ODWMA ensure the data they receive is accurate?
- What accountability measures are in place for ODWMA staff who fail to follow data verification protocols?
- What accountability measures are in place for ODWMA staff who lie or misrepresent information to the Environmental Protection Agency?
- What policies do ODWMA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) have in place to escalate major infractions up the chain of command?

Please ensure that these questions are answered by this audit so I can determine what legislative steps may be necessary to strengthen transparency and accountability within ODWMA.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Ananich
Senate Democratic Leader
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