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Subject: Rep. Kildee Follow Up On Call from Monday

Hi Beth,

Could you please make sure the Governor and the rest of the staff on the call from Monday see this letter?

Thank you,

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Governor Rick Snyder
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Governor Snyder:

Rick

I appreciate you taking the time to talk with me yesterday about continued efforts to ensure the safety of the city of Flint's water. I want to summarize some of the items we discussed in order to work together going forward.

It is my hope that the state of Michigan immediately purchase and distribute lead-clearing water filters to Flint residents. As we discussed, I urge you to look for funding in areas such as the Michigan Health Endowment Fund or Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for these much-needed filters. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure the safety of drinking water. While lead-clearing filters will not permanently fix the underlying issues with Flint's water infrastructure system, they will ensure safe drinking water in the interim and help to restore confidence that the water is lead-free and safe to drink.

Additionally, it is imperative that the state release a health advisory regarding the quality of the water in Flint. The public has a right to know about the safety of their water, and it is important to ensure they have the information necessary to help mitigate adverse health impacts.

In addition, I ask that the state formally request assistance from federal agencies. As we have previously discussed, it appears there may be potential opportunities for the state to use the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act State Revolving Fund to invest and improve the water infrastructure in Flint. Following the state's request, my office can work with the appropriate federal agencies seeking assistance.

Finally, going forward, it will be critical to have additional independent and scientific testing to instill confidence in Flint residents that their water is safe. Testing needs to be completed regularly, on a larger scale than previously and must include the most at-risk homes in Flint.