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From: Dayne Walling <dwalling@cityofflint.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:10 PM
To: Wyant, Dan (DEQ)
Subject: what we are facing in Flint

Dan, I am continuing to communicate with a wide variety of constituents in an attempt to determine the major questions and issues. Below you will find an email that I received personally from a faith community leader who has been incredibly supportive and understanding of the challenges facing Flint. His words really hurt: "I no longer trust the city on this issue." I have searched myself over and over on this. I don't know what more I could have done given the guidance coming from EPA and DEQ and subsequently city staff but this major health issue did come up anyway and our community is paying a huge price.

As the press conference is put together, it is necessary in my mind that we provide an explanation for how this happened and outline the steps that ensure it will never happen again. If this is not provided then the trust will not begin to be restored from what I can tell. I am always available to talk more. Please consider this.

Dayne

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Date: Wed, Sep 30, 2015 at 12:48 AM

Subject: Re: water updates

Dear Mayor Walling,

You delayed your action on this issue for an inordinate amount of time. People were told over and over that it was all fine. I am very disappointed in the efforts concerned Pastors and others(the lawsuit, etc) that had to go on before anything substantial was contemplated. I am up north at a priest conference and I am astonished at the taste of the water and the lack of unpleasant smell I am finding here, in contrast to the very unpleasant experience it is to shower in Flint water. I no longer trust the city on this issue. And that we have now a lead problem for babies and children is unconscionable. Permanent brain damage is all our children need.

Respectfully yours,

Fr. Phil Schmitter

Sent from my iPhone

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