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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 12:28 PM  
**To:** Murray, David (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: ICYMI - Flint: A Dramatic Illustration of Why Michigan Must Apply the FOIA to the Governor's Office

Thanks Dave: I'll certainly include this, but is there any comment on the specific request that the governor drop his executive privilege since that is the crux of this particular story?

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Hello Ron,

The Governor is proud of the efforts his office has made to increase transparency and accountability, including dashboards featuring metrics for each department and creation of a citizen's guide to how state and local governments spend money. We're always focusing on continuous quality improvement in this area.

The Governor also has promised complete cooperation with the independent Flint Water Task Force that is reviewing all state, local and federal actions related to the situation as the administration focuses on the health and welfare of people in Flint and across the state.

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Dave:

Would your office care to comment on the remarks from the executive director of Common Cause Michigan?

I'm forwarding an email we just received and am working on a story.

Thanks,

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**From:** Alan Fasnacht [<mailto:alan@faroughassociates.com>]

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In case you missed it:

Michigan continues to have the weakest anti-corruption laws of any state in the nation.

As the Rachel Maddow Show reported on last night, the Flint water crisis is a terrible reminder that our state continues to exempt the Governor's office and state legislators from transparency laws (FOIA) designed to hold politicians and our government accountable. This exemption from FOIA only making things worse... much worse.

"Common Cause Michigan calls on the Governor to drop his executive privilege and submit all documents and correspondence in the executive office on all matters dealing with the Flint water crisis to Freedom of Information Act requests. The public deserves to know why Flint's children were poisoned with lead. In addition, Michigan should end special exemption from FOIA and subject the Governor's Office and the Legislature to the same transparency laws that 48 other states follow," said Melanie McElroy, Executive Director of Common Cause Michigan.

To watch the Rachael Maddow segment from last night please [follow this link](#).