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LANSING – The Michigan Democratic Party issued the following statement today, on behalf of Party Chair Brandon Dillon, demanding those responsible for the Flint water crisis be held accountable and calling on Governor Snyder to immediately fire former Flint EM, and current EM for Detroit Public Schools, Darnell Earley:

“Accountability in government means answering to the people you serve, not just cleaning up your mistakes using their money,” said Brandon Dillon, Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

“This catastrophe began with the governor’s appointed emergency manager, and as much as Governor Snyder would like to pretend, this is not a matter of negotiating at the boardroom table. This is a situation where you pay for your mistakes and put those responsible on the chopping block.

“That is why we are calling for the immediate firing of the governor’s handpicked emergency manager for Flint, Darnell Earley. Earley was in charge when the decision was made to switch the city to unsafe drinking water. If poisoning children wasn’t bad enough, after Earley failed the citizens of Flint, the governor inexplicably rewarded him with another appointment – emergency manager for Detroit Public Schools – where he is now responsible for the education of nearly 50,000 students.

“The children of Flint and Detroit are being robbed of what most of us take for granted – safe drinking water and a quality education. The wholesale theft of our children’s futures must end now. That begins with the removal from power all those that would sacrifice the future of a single child in Michigan – let alone thousands – in order to add a few extra dollars to the bottom line.”

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