

infrastructure needs. There might be other pathways to generate assistance. We are working closely with them to help with this.

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To: Murray, David (GOV) <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>

Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Thank you for that pertinent information. That is all very helpful to hear. I still don't know how the governor intends to respond to the declaration of an emergency (or disaster). Has he not decided?

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Cc: Heaton, Anna (GOV); Biehl, Laura (GOV); Holland, Meegan (GOV)

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The administration continues to work closely with Mayor Weaver on her request. **Today**, representatives of the Michigan State Police's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division met with Mayor Weaver and members of the Genesee County Commission to discuss what options would be available to the city and county through the Michigan Emergency Management Act and the federal Stafford Act, and what could be the most effective course for both to receive federal assistance to help address the city's health issues and water infrastructure needs.

At this point, the state has not received a request from the city through the Michigan Emergency Management Act. (And Laura, please don't confuse the Michigan Emergency Management Act with the emergency managers who were running financially distressed cities. As an aside, there were four emergency managers covering cities in Michigan when the governor took office. Soon, there will be none.)

Again, it would be remiss to not mention that the state so far has offered more than \$10 million in grants and other financial assistance to cover part of the payment for the temporary switch to the Great Lakes Water Authority until Flint's new water source is ready to go online as well as efforts to improve existing city water infrastructure and purchase water filters for residents.

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Dave,

Does that mean I should record the governor's office as not answering whether he will support, amend or reject Flint's declaration of emergency?

Thank you again.

Laura

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Subject: RE: New query from the Rachel Maddow Show

Hello, Laura.

I'm not sure you used anything that I sent you the other night.

Flint residents need to have access to safe, clean water. Gov. Snyder and administration members continue to work closely with Mayor Weaver and other city leaders to focus on health issues affecting children and other city residents. And address water infrastructure challenges.

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The governor also appointed a bipartisan task force charged with reviewing all of the city, state and federal government actions and recommending changes looking forward that can address potential challenges in Flint and other cities. The task force started working in late October, and members expected their work would last for about three months. Members already have made some recommendations, and the Governor has agreed to them.

The state's response includes:

- * Testing in Flint public schools immediately to ensure that drinking water is safe, with testing also available at no cost to any other school in Flint.
- * Offering free water testing to Flint residents to assure their drinking water is safe.
- * Providing free water filters to residents.
- * Expanding health exposure testing of individual homes.
- * Accelerating corrosion controls in the Flint drinking water system.
- * Accelerating water system improvements to address replacing lead service lines.
- * Expediting the completion of the Karegnondi Water Authority pipeline.