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To: Murray, David (GOV)
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David,

This is very helpfull Thank you very much. And I'll make sure to tell Gunjan hi for you when she gets back in the office on Monday.

I have one followup question – the state is being sued in the attached class action lawsuit (<http://flintwaterstudy.org/2015/11/class-action-lawsuit/>) . I was wondering if you have a sense of where the litigation is or what the state's feelings are on it (if you're looking to fight or settle sort of thing).

Thank you again for this abundance of information on New Year's Eve!

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I'm happy to help.

First, here is a link to the governor's release from Tuesday announcing the resignation of the director of the Department of Environmental Quality. <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277--372335--,00.html>

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

Gov. Snyder in October created an action plan that focuses on increasing water testing, offering additional precautions for families with lead plumbing in their homes, and providing long-term solutions to address the city's water infrastructure challenges. The plan was created at Snyder's direction by the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Health and Human Services, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the city of Flint.

The plan builds upon ongoing work with local, state and federal agencies and our partnership with city and community leaders. Together, we are working to ensure that all Flint residents have accurate information and know that help is available to address potential problems. You can find a link to a release about the action plan here: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-366315--,00.html

The state also 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 increase testing, improve existing city water infrastructure and purchase water filters for residents.

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. Information about the task force is here: http://www.michigan.gov/snyder/0,4668,7-277-57577_57657-367761---,00.html

There is a website with a considerable amount of information about the state's efforts to work with Flint's leaders and city residents here: www.michigan.gov/flintwater

I strongly recommend that you look at the most recent release from our Department of Health and Human Services, which focuses on the most recent testing data: http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_71692-371199---,00.html

For your background, the action plan 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.
- * Expanding a Safe Drinking Water Technical Advisory Committee to ensure the best technology, practices and science are being followed by adding an expert from the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development to the group.
- * Naming Dr. Eden Wells, chief medical executive for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as the Flint drinking water public health adviser.
- * Boosting a comprehensive lead education program to make sure residents have detailed information about how to protect themselves and their homes.

One thing we learned through this process is that there are no state or federal regulations requiring schools that are not on wells to test their water. The state has urged all districts conduct testing, and districts have been working with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

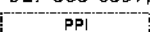
Tell my friend Gunjan I said "Hi, and happy new year!"

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