
From: Wurfel, Sara (GOV)
Sent: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Murray, David (GOV)
Subject: Fwd: Mayor Walling's letter to the governor

Are you helping track this down already, Dave?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Fonger, Ronald" <RFONGER1@mlive.com>
Date: January 20, 2015 at 10:28:22 AM EST
To: "Murray, David (GOV) (MurrayD1@michigan.gov)" <MurrayD1@michigan.gov>, "Wurfel, Sara (GOV)" <Wurfels@michigan.gov>
Subject: Mayor Walling's letter to the governor

Dave/Sara:
Dayne Walling posted the following on his campaign Web site and I'm writing about it today.
Can we get a comment from your office?
Thanks,

Friend,

Access to clean, safe, affordable water is a basic human right.

That's why I just sent Gov. Snyder my Flint Water Improvement Plan. It focuses on the areas of safety, quality, access, investment and education. My letter urges the governor to quickly implement these ideas so that Flint's water is 100% safe.

Please contact Gov. Snyder by calling (517) 335-6397 (or by clicking here) and ask him to take action immediately to implement my plan and ensure Flint's water is safe.

My plan offers new ideas and also builds on successful models of utility, energy and assistance programs at the state and federal levels. Here is my plan:

Safety & Quality

- 100% Safety is the standard
- City of Flint releases testing data to assure safety and expands testing to households with support from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Support alternatives for those advised not to drink the water by their doctors through the Michigan Health Endowment Fund and community partners to protect the vulnerable like seniors and infants
- Bring on experienced river water treatment operational management in the City of Flint
- Require water testing data to be released quarterly by law in all Michigan communities

Access

- Announce an amnesty program for turn-ons and reduce the turn-on cost in Flint
- Develop a revised payment plan policy to allow customers to come back on to the Flint system

- New Federal and State partnership to establish new Drinking Water Emergency Assistance Fund for customers (modeled on Federal and State energy utility programs: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program; Michigan Energy Assistance Program; State Emergency Relief)

Investment

- Accelerate water system improvements outlined in the City of Flint Capital Improvement Plan through Federal and State Investments
- State approves City of Flint's Distressed Cities Fund applications
- Federal and State forgiveness of payment to Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund
- Federal and State financing for future improvements
- City Water Department implements budgeted FY15 projects including leak detection, valve repairs, new pipes and meter replacements

Education

- Develop a community partnership to provide household and business customers with information on testing and conservation
- Ongoing partnership with Michigan Department of Human Services, United Way, Salvation Army and community organizations to provide information on water assistance
- Expand youth energy initiative to assist households with conservation and efficiency (piloted in summer 2014 with Northwestern High School students, EcoWorks and Consumers Energy)

The struggle with our water has gone on for too long. The state must take action and do its part.

Please ask Gov. Snyder to take action immediately to implement my plan and ensure Flint's water is safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Dayne

P.S. -- Please send this to friends and family so they can take action too!

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