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FYI, attached is the Mayor's letter to the White House requesting support from the White House to address the ongoing water issues in Flint.

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CITY OF FLINT

Dayne Walling
Mayor

Mr. Jerry Abramson
White House, Executive Office of the President
Director of Intergovernmental Affairs
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

February 23, 2015

Dear Mr. Abramson

I am writing to request the support of the White House for improving the City of Flint's water quality and infrastructure. The President, Vice-President and White House have been highly engaged in seeking solutions for Flint challenges around public safety, neighborhood stabilization and economic development. We are very thankful for President Obama's leadership and dedicated support being provided through the Sustainable Communities, Choice Neighborhoods, Justice Innovation, and Strong Cities Strong Communities initiatives.

Now residents are most concerned about the safety and quality of the drinking water that is being treated from the Flint River. This is my top priority and work is being done every day to secure drinking water that is 100% safe according to the standards. As with other challenges, it is essential that we have a coordinated effort among Local, State and Federal agencies. To this end, I am requesting participation from the White House and Environmental Protection Agency on a City of Flint Technical Advisory Water Committee. The committee is expected to meet regularly through the transition to the new Karegnondi Water Pipeline and will include governmental, hospital, university and business sectors.

I welcome any technical assistance you are able to coordinate including expertise on water quality and public health, best practices with water treatment, and improving distribution system infrastructure. Thank you again for the valuable partnership. I look forward to working with you and Federal partners as we transform Flint into a sustainable 21st Century city with new jobs, safe neighborhoods, strong infrastructure and great schools.

Sincerely,



Dayne Walling
Mayor, City of Flint

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