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FLINT, MI -- Gov. Rick Snyder quietly helped deliver **1,500 water filters** to Flint last month -- even as state officials gave assurances that the city's tap water was safe and meeting all regulatory standards.

Dave Murray, a spokesman for Snyder, confirmed that the filters, distributed by the Concerned Pastors for Social Action, came from a "corporate donor that does not wish to be recognized but cares deeply about the community."

The donor "worked with the governor to provide 1,500 faucet filters to be distributed to city homes," Murray said in an email.

The state's involvement in the filter distribution was never publicized and pastors told The Flint Journal-MLive Tuesday, Sept. 29, that they were asked by staffers in the governor's office not to speak about it.

Flint city Councilwoman Jackie Poplar raised the subject during a council committee meeting Monday, Sept. 28, as officials discussed the potential for Flint to reconnect to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Recent testing and studies show lead levels have been rising -- both in water and children's blood.

"Those filters came from the governor," Poplar said. "The governor seems to be the one with the golden key" to make something happen, she said.

Pastors involved with the giveaway of the filters, which were designed to remove total trihalomethanes (TTHM) as well as lead from water, said they accepted the condition that they not discuss the state's role in securing the equipment, said the Rev. Allen Overton.