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Thank you,

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Flint Water Daily Update

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Current Issues Talking Points**Governor proposes \$30M to cover Flint water bills**

- The Governor announced a proposed plan to request \$30 million as part of the Fiscal year 2017 budget proposal to cover Flint residents' water bills because he believes they should not pay for water that wasn't suitable for consumption.
- The proposal calls for a Consumption and Use Credit the city could use to relieve families of a portion of their water bills from April 2014-April 2016.
- Under the plan, the funding would cover water used for drinking, cooking and bathing which is approximately 65 percent of a resident's water bill.
- Residents would still be responsible for covering sewer costs as well as water not used for consumption (i.e. water heaters, outside water use, etc.)
- The Governor's proposal would allow Flint to relieve residents of their water bills or provide payment credits for future use.
- The request will be part of the Governor's official budget presentation next week on Feb. 10.
- The \$30 million recommendation builds on the previous \$37.3 million in emergency funding already allocated to Flint by the state.
- The recommendation must go through the formal state budget process and be approved by both the House and Senate.

Congressional Hearing

- A Congressional hearing on Flint water took place today in Washington D C.
- Interim DEQ Director Keith Creagh and Virginia Tech Professor of Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Marc Edwards testified in the hearing of the Reform and Oversight Committee
- To date, the Governor has not been invited to testify before Congress
- The Governor remains focused on fixing the problem in Flint. He is committed to establishing both a short and long-term solution to ensure clean, safe drinking water for Flint families.
- He was in Flint today meeting with local community leaders and discussing the Consumption and Use Credit \$30 million budget proposal with local media outlets

Democratic Presidential Debate coming to Flint

- It was confirmed today that a Democratic Presidential debate will take place in Flint in early March
- To date the Federal Government has provided only \$5 million in funding to assist residents in Flint while the State has allocated \$37.3 million in emergency funding to support Flint families.
- The Governor also proposed a plan to dedicate an additional \$30 million as part of his upcoming formal budget presentation to assist Flint residents with water bill payments.
- What will help Flint more than a presidential debate is working together to implement concrete solutions that will aid the city along its road to recovery now and into the future
- It is important we draw on all available resources to help meet both the immediate and long-term needs of Flint residents.