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Lindsey...

You may attribute the following to me.

We have received and are reviewing the lawsuit but we do not comment on current litigation.

That said, the state's top priority is making sure the people of Flint immediately have access to safe, clean water, and that includes reaching every home to supply water, filters, replacement filter cartridges and water testing kits. The administration is also working with independent experts on testing of the water and will continue to work with them going forward.

Thanks, Terry

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Hey there Terry, Happy New Year. Hope you're doing ok.

I'm just sending this along in some offhand chance Dept of Treasury wants to comment. It was only filed today so I *assume* not, but figured I should at least ask. The suit names much of the RTAB in Flint and Khouri in addition to the City of Flint. Let me know either way if you could. Thanks.

Best~

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A Fix for Flint: Groups File Federal Lawsuit to Secure Safe Drinking Water in Flint

Concerned Pastors for Social Action, Melissa Mays, ACLU of Michigan, and NRDC Ask Court to Intervene to Fix Flint's Water Crisis

FLINT, Mich. (January 27, 2016)- A coalition of local citizens and national groups filed suit today seeking federal court intervention to secure access to safe drinking water for the people of Flint, Michigan.

Alleging violations of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, the complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan by the Natural Resources Defense Council, the ACLU of Michigan, Concerned Pastors for Social Action and Flint resident Melissa Mays.

"The water in Flint is still not safe to drink because City and State officials are violating the federal law that protects drinking water. In doing so, they are exposing the people of Flint to lead, a powerful toxin that can be devastating to young children. We are asking a federal court to step in because the people of Flint simply cannot rely on the same government agencies that oversaw the destruction of its infrastructure and contamination of its water to address this crisis," said Dimple Chaudhary, Senior Attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.

The lawsuit asks a federal court to compel the City and state officials to follow federal requirements for testing and treating water to control for lead and to order the prompt replacement of all lead water pipes at no cost to Flint residents. The groups and Ms. Mays also seek appropriate relief to remedy the health and medical harms to Flint residents from the lead contamination. The lawsuit is not seeking monetary damages.

"Everyone in this country deserves and expects safe drinking water, regardless of your race, economic status or zip code. The residents of Flint were stripped of their democratically elected authority and, in the name of