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Governor Rick Snyder  
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Governor Snyder,

It has been nearly a year since your office was made aware of the Flint water crisis. While I welcome your state of emergency declaration last week, the resources provided thus far are inadequate to ensure that the people of Flint get access to safe drinking water and to help mitigate this ongoing public health emergency.

Flint residents deserve action, not more talk. It was a state-appointed emergency manager that made the decision to switch the city's drinking water source from Detroit to the Flint River and the state is ultimately responsible for making this terrible crisis right.

We cannot wait for task force reports on this crisis to step up and do what is right. Accountability is important, and I am confident that the ongoing investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office will be guided by the facts and reveal the truth. But there is a need right now in Flint for more immediate resources to help support families and children in this crisis.

In November, I wrote to you encouraging the state to request assistance from federal agencies. To date, federal assistance has not been requested by the state. Since in my opinion the state's response to the ongoing crisis has been inadequate, I reached out to the White House today to request assistance with any additional federal resources that may be available.

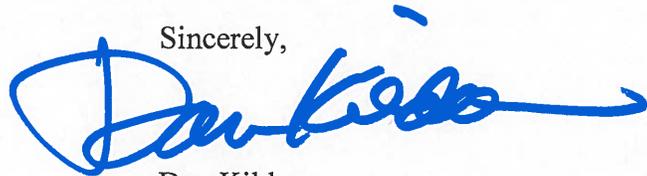
The state can act immediately to help the city of Flint, including:

- Funding a health and development fund to support Flint residents and children who have been exposed to high levels of lead. This fund should include support for, at a minimum, continuous health monitoring and services, early education programs, nutrition programs and education, support services for children to succeed in school, and continued exposure efforts.

- Work with the federal government to forgive any loans to the city of Flint made available through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and offer new, forgivable loans to help replace aging lead-service lines in Flint, including private lead-service lines.
- Rescind the city of Flint's \$2 million obligation to reconnect to the Detroit water system. Requiring a financially-distressed city to pay for the state's failures is an abdication of clear responsibility by the state.
- Provide refunds to Flint residents who have paid for water they cannot use.
- Support the city of Flint in the long-term, through new economic investments and opportunities, to help the city of Flint cope with the incomprehensible reputational damage inflicted upon it as a result of this man-made crisis.

My top priority continues to be getting Flint residents and children the resources they need. This is an ongoing public health emergency and the state of Michigan has a moral responsibility to act to repair the damage done to the city's water system and give the Flint community the resources they need to combat the long-term impacts of lead exposure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Kildee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Kildee  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS