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MARCH 2018 UPDATE FOR CLASS MEMBERS

Dear Class Members:

Please find below a summary of the Legal Team's most recent and upcoming efforts.

I. Ongoing Mediation

We are happy to announce that the mediation process in your consolidated case before Judge Levy is underway. Your legal team recently met with mediators former U.S. Senator Carl Levin and retired Wayne County Chief Judge Pamela Harwood to discuss the possibility of settlement of all claims against State defendants, the City of Flint, and the engineering firms.

II. Defendants' Motion to Dismiss

The defendants have moved to dismiss our class action case on legal grounds. We encourage you to support your legal team by attending the hearing. The hearing is Thursday, May 10 at 10:00 am in the Courtroom of Federal Judge Honorable Judith Levy. Judge Levy's courtroom is located at 200 E. Liberty Street, Suite 300 Ann Arbor, MI 48104. We would very much like to see class members in the courtroom.

III. A Victory in the Court of Appeals!!!

On January 25, 2018, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed Judge Boonstra's earlier decision that your claims against the State Defendants, including Governor Snyder, and City of Flint alleging a violation of your constitutional rights arising out of the Flint water crisis are valid and that your case can proceed to the discovery phase. This is a huge victory and means that we can now move forward with the merits of your case. You can read the opinion here: [Opinion - Authored - Published](#).

IV. Related Criminal Cases

Fifteen Michigan and Flint governmental officials have criminal charges against them related to their connection to the Flint water crisis. The defendants are facing charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to willful neglect of duty and misconduct in office. Many of these defendants are also named defendants in the class action cases that we filed on your behalf.

The preliminary examination hearings for six of these defendants are ongoing. The cases against Michigan Department of Health and Human Services officials Director Nick Lyon and Chief Medical Executive Eden Wells focus on their knowledge of the legionella outbreak months before a public health advisory was issued to Flint residents. The joint examination before Judge Jennifer Manley includes charges against Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials Stephen Busch, Liane Shekter-Smith, Michael Prysby, and Patrick Cook. These cases focus on the lead contamination of Flint's water. Charges include failing to alert the public, misleading regulators, and manipulating a report on the levels of lead in Flint's water.

The preliminary examination hearing for former Flint City Manager Darnell Earley is scheduled to begin March 19th.

V. Collecting records for children who have been exposed to the Flint water

We are still collecting medical information and authorizations for children under the age of 10. This information is vital for moving the case forward and we appreciate your help as we continue our efforts to gather the evidence necessary for your cases.

These documents can be accessed by clicking the following link.

[Medical Authorizations and Questionnaire](#)

Please bring completed forms to the Flint office or send them via email, mail, or fax to the following:

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Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 9am-5pm

All future updates will also be featured on our website: www.flintwaterclassaction.com. Additional information regarding our legal actions can be accessed at the noted website as well.

Peace and Solidarity,

The Flint Water Class Action Legal Team