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Water Settlement Funds: Acknowledgment of Federal, State and Local Elected Leaders and Grassroots Water Justice Advocates

Dear Residents of the Flint and Genesee County Community,

As many are aware, our beloved City of Flint continues to bear the deep scars of the Flint Water Crisis -- a tragedy that claimed lives, sickened families, and inflicted lasting harm on our children, seniors, and future generations.

For years, Flint residents have waited painfully for justice to be rendered through the release of long-delayed water settlement funds. It is my understanding, through the tireless advocacy of our federal leaders, including U.S. Senator Elissa Slotkin and Congresswoman Kristen McDonald Rivet, along with the actions of countless state and local elected officials, grassroots water justice advocates, and activists throughout our community, that our collective and meaningful conversations with the Special Master and other federal officials, respectively, have led to a long-awaited breakthrough.

As a result of your collective efforts, and pursuant to federal court orders, it is my understanding that the Flint Water Settlement Funds are scheduled for release beginning in November 2025.

While this development represents a step forward, we must remain deeply mindful that no amount of financial restitution can undo the irreversible harm done to our people. The damage to our community cannot be fully repaid, just as the settlement yet falls short of the hundreds of millions MORE that would more adequately reflect the depth of the harm endured.

Nevertheless, this moment calls not for individual credit-hoarding, victory laps, or press conferences, but for unity and collective acknowledgment of all those responsible for ensuring the release of the settlement dollars.

Let us stand together, honoring the pain of the past while continuing to demand accountability and restoration for every resident who has been affected. Together, we must ensure that the voices of our people are never again ignored or forgotten.

In service and solidarity,

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