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Warren Mayor Jim Fouts Donates \$1000 To Flint Water Crisis

Warren, MI – Warren Mayor Jim Fouts, calling the Flint water crisis “the worst community health crisis in our state’s history” is donating \$1000 (out of his own pocket) to purchase water filters for needy families in Flint.

At the same time, Fouts is calling on all full-time elected officials in Michigan, including state legislators, to match his donation.

“Every elected official is commiserating with the people of Flint, and now is the time to back up their words of sympathy with needed dollars,” said Fouts, who has said that healthy water quality is a “basic health right.”

Fouts said the Flint “people cannot drink, cook, bathe or wash clothes in their water supply so help is desperately needed and immediately.”

Fouts said many Flint residents are looking for help and “words are not enough right now.”

(Copy of letter to elected officials enclosed)

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James R. Fouts - Mayor

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Dear Elected Official:

In light of the recent Flint water tragedy that has resulted in the lead poisoning of thousands of children in the Flint area, I'm inviting you to join me and donate \$1000 towards water filters to take care of an entire home. This would allow a Flint family to shower, bathe, cook, wash clothes and do all of the normal uses of fresh clean water. Currently they cannot do this. This action could also help prevent Legionaries Disease.

At the minimum, this is a statewide issue. Any city could face bankruptcy and any city could then have an emergency manager. That emergency manager could make similar decisions as was done in Flint, Michigan.

I would hope that every full-time executive official (appointed or elected) would join me in doing the right thing. This could potentially make a difference in the lives of thousands of innocent victims in the Flint area.

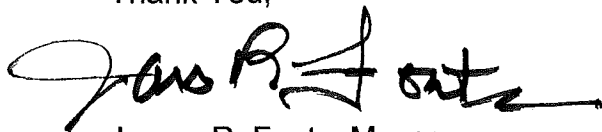
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I would like to invite not just strong mayors and city managers, but also school superintendants, county executives, and various other full-time elected and officials and all state legislators, to do the same thing.

This is something that demands our immediate help. Through no fault of their own, the people of Flint have had their trust eroded by decisions that they had no control over.

This cannot and should not go without help from the entire state and especially from those who are leaders of the state, and those of us who believe in the public trust.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Fouts". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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P.S. I would also urge the state to take corrective action to dispense with the requirement that Flint residents pay water bills for toxic polluted lead-laced water.