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February 21, 2020

Board of Directors
Great Lakes Water Authority
735 Randolph, Suite 1900
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Directors,

On Wednesday, February 26, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) will consider and vote on a proposal to double the contribution to the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP), which provides assistance to customers within the GLWA service area who are struggling to pay their water bills.

I write to strongly urge you to adopt this proposal. Every Michigander deserves access to safe drinking water and this proposal would mark a significant step forward toward that goal. It would increase eligibility for residential customers from 150% to 200% or less of the federal poverty level and allow more assistance for water conservation efforts, including for people who rent.

To supplement this effort, I am directing the Department of Health and Human Services to partner with the Wayne Metro Community Action Organization to leverage additional State Emergency Relief (SER) assistance as part of the enrollment process for WRAP.

Together, these steps can increase access to safe drinking water for those most in need. Thank you for your service and for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

c: Sue McCormack, Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes Water Authority