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January 28, 2016

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz  
Chairman  
House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
2157 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Chaffetz:

It is our understanding the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will hold a hearing on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 regarding the ongoing water crisis in Flint. We appreciate your willingness to convene a hearing on this emergency, but we are extremely concerned and disappointed that Michigan Governor Rick Snyder will not be invited to testify before the Committee. I strongly urge you to reconsider as the Governor's testimony would provide a balanced and reasonable explanation of what happened in this crisis.

The harm experienced by the residents of Flint is irreversible and multi-generational. The governor has admitted harm, numerous missteps, and seemingly has a blatant disregard for the care of the citizens of Flint. Governor Snyder has been a central figure in the decision-making process that led to the water crisis and to that end should be invited to testify before the Committee.

The lack of oversight and accountability demands a thorough investigation. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to extend an invitation to Governor Snyder as his testimony is critical to the investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact the CBC's Executive Director, Abdul Henderson or our Policy Director, Kendra Brown with any questions at (202) 226-9776.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

  
G. K. Butterfield  
Chairman

The Congressional Black Caucus

cc: Speaker Paul Ryan  
Ranking Member Elijah Cummings

