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The Honorable Loretta Lynch  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Greetings Attorney General Lynch,

I am Michigan State Representative LaTanya Garrett of House District 7 serving as an Assistant Floor Leader and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus. My district comprises of a portion of Northwest Detroit and the entire city of Highland Park. I am writing in regards to the human rights violation endured by the citizens of Flint and the water crisis that has ravaged their community.

I write to request a Federal Investigation on the Flint Water crisis. I am also asking your office to remove Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and his office from the Flint Water investigation completely. The people of Flint require a clear, fair, and impartial investigation with no ambiguity. I strongly believe that Attorney General Schuette will NOT be fair and impartial because of his party affiliation. Also, due to his failure to launch a timely investigation upon the initial request of the Flint delegation of legislators, I am not confident that he can serve in the best interest of the Flint citizens.

Lastly, I feel we have to get this investigation right the first time due to the seriousness of allegations. Attorney General Lynch, lead and toxicity levels have been extremely elevated in the Flint River. As a DIRECT result of this catastrophe, children are ill unto death, ten people have died from Legionnaire's disease, and mothers with child do not know what the future of their children will be mentally or physically. The Governor stated that this was his own personal Katrina. As one elected official who is concern about the wellbeing of the people, I urge today that your office take over this investigation. The citizens have already been exposed to contaminants for two years. We do not have any more spare time we must act expediently.

Sincerely,

LaTanya Garrett  
State Representative  
Michigan's 7<sup>th</sup> House District

