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Sylvia Orduño
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4605 Cass Avenue
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Re: Statements in September 5, 2020 Letter to Cornerstone Village Residents and During September 16, 2020 Board of Water Commissioners Meeting

Dear Ms. Orduño, Ms. Hill, and Ms. Walker:

This letter is in response to statements made by the People's Water Board Coalition, Ms. Orduño, Ms. Hill and Ms. Walker regarding the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's work in Cornerstone Village. Specifically, in a letter dated September 5, 2020, to "Cornerstone Village Resident" from your organization and read verbally by Ms. Orduño during public comment at the September 16, 2020, Board of Water Commissioners meeting, we noted the following statements:

In this [Cornerstone Village] pilot project, DWSD is using Cured in Place Pressure Pipe (CIPP) liners for sewer lines. It is made from polyester with polyurethane coating and it is considered an appropriate technology for sewer lines. Research suggests it may not be safe for aquatic life in freshwater sources when combined sewer overflow (CS) systems like DWSD's spill over in heavy rains. It is also not recommended for use for watermains yet there is no indication that DWSD has made clear its intent NOT to use these in residential water main repairs. Please contact the DWSD Lead Service Line hotline (313) 964-3000 to ensure this will not happen in Cornerstone water infrastructure work.

In the future, we would appreciate your reaching out directly to the DWSD with questions or information *before* sending letters to our customers. Your letter does not accurately describe the types of technology DWSD uses for water and sewer main projects and this may have caused unnecessary concern for the residents. As far as the filter cartridges, as soon as we became aware that the wrong filters were distributed, we immediately placed a replacement order. On Friday, September 18, each home that received the incorrect filters were provided with new filter cartridges that were NSF53 certified for lead reduction. To supplement our community outreach efforts at the Cornerstone Village and Rosedale Park sites, we have prepared the enclosed literature to describe DWSD's commitment to the health and safety of our residents and the environment.

Feel free to contact me if you have any follow up questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tiffany M. Jones'.

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