



**Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**

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Ms. Felicia Pickett  
7417 Faust  
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Dear Ms. Pickett,

Thank you for bringing the issue of repeated basement backups and the resulting conditions of your home to the Board of Water Commissioners on August 21. We all empathize with the emotional and financial toll this has taken on your quality of life.

Upon review, the leadership at the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) advocated for your home to receive the benefits of the federally-funded Private Sewer Repair Program.

We understand from our colleagues at the City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department (HRD) they are processing your application, and once that is complete and approved, DWSD will schedule the private sewer lateral service line assessment, sewer lateral service line repair or replacement, and backwater valve installation.

If for any reason you encounter delays or another matter of concern, please do not hesitate to contact me at 313-410-2954 or [bryan.peckinpaugh@detroitmi.gov](mailto:bryan.peckinpaugh@detroitmi.gov). Thank you for your time and patience with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bryan Peckinpaugh".

Bryan Peckinpaugh  
Public Affairs Director

cc: Board of Water Commissioners

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I am Felicia Pickett a resident of Faust Ave. District 7, a Detroit citizen in the state of Michigan in the USA where taxpayers deserve and should receive city state and federal services with ease especially the flow of clean water.

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My home is over 80 years old and sewer lines have deteriorated this is an issue my local state and federal government are aware of needed upgrades yet I am homeless because I can't get assistance in connecting my basic right to city services through DWSD or the water authority. I am in an area where repairs have been identified and funds allocated and I HAVE APPLIED yet no repairs just continuously being told to call an another group agency or office to resolve the DWSD or CITIES burdens to provide assistance to replace the deteriorating pipelines that are affecting a whole sewer infrastructure in neighborhoods just like mines and yours.

I am asking for clarity on how these 2 programs are handled and ran. The first one is the city of DWSD basement backup protection plan and the Second one is the city of detroit's CDBG-DR private sewer repair program. Clarity on these two programs are need and what they are identified as and how do you qualify as a citizen.

We need information on who is eligible and how the eligible residents are notified.

Are these funds exhausted/ how many homes were repaired or will be.

I am requesting a timeline from application to completion of repairs.

There needs to be a receipt or file # that your complaint / request for replacement of these lines was submitted by a resident to the city.

There needs to be a plan to reimburse citizens who must upgrade at their expense their private sewer lines for safety and sanitary issues to be eliminated.

As a citizen I am doing my part As a home owner I am asking for my local/ city and federal government to make residents whole and fix or reimburse for the lines for legitimate life and safety repairs. we need accountability from our government step by step as to the dollars that have been allocated for this area that they are being used and utilized for this area.

Today my children are watching these proceedings and they are watching to see exactly what happens as their world crumbles around them literally and their home is in deteriorating from the damage of water and the repairs that are needed to stop it.

My total estimate repairs included sewer line replacemnet/ mold remediation to get back In my home range from 25k to 50k. That is a substantial burden for a disabled mother of 3 elementary students.

I'm asking for assistance as a citizen, as a taxpayer to resolve these plumbing, sewer issue. Not a handout but solution and a resolution to those who are homeowners and taxpayers like myself in this area and and neighboring areas who have been greatly effected by this issue.