

January 17, 2018

City of Detroit  
Water and Sewerage Dept.  
Board of Water Commissioners  
735 Randolph Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Commissioners:

We have been asked to report whenever we see something that is wrong or suspicious. I am speaking out. The problem we are having with our water is beyond comprehension. Mayor Coleman A Young told us not to allow others to take over our water system. Governor Granholm did not allow others to control the water system that we paid for, but we have a governor who has removed all power from the people and our so called leaders have accepted what he has done.

Their last acquisition will be the churches and a difference is there too. I have seen a water bill for less than three hundred (\$300.00) dollars at a white church. When will our so called leaders take a stand? They didn't when their parishioners cried out when charged for rain falling on their houses and vacant lots. To resolve this issue, our so called leaders need to come together and strategize and present a plan to us and those in power. If changes are not negotiable, we must take to the streets.

Commissioners, there are two kinds of meetings. One meeting when a person of color may be allowed to participate; and at a second meeting for the same issue a person of color is excluded from the table when decisions or plans are made. We must not settle for crumbs and our leaders must be held accountable.

I have compared charges on several water bills and if we are being charged for usage; the bill should not be for the same amount each month. Water usage, water service charge, sewerage disposal, sewerage service charge and drainage charge should be higher or lower each month if we are charged according to consumption in each household. As stated in my earlier letters to you we are paying for one month what we once paid for three. Are we being charged for water you are selling to companies and they bottle and resale to us?

The people are suffering because of your unjust policies and how much are your decisions contributing to hepatitis A?

Sincerely,



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