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To:

Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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I am a Bloomfield, NJ resident of many years. It is my understanding the EPA heeded a call to open a federal civil rights investigation into the State of New Jersey for its discrimination against the municipality of Bloomfield, NJ (and possibly Newark, NJ, Glen Ridge, NJ, and Montclair, NJ) related to the curtailment of funds for local WATER SYSTEMS.

I write today to applaud any and all efforts to restore/secure funds to repair and/or replace such funds so as to improve the ageing WATER SUPPLY system(s) in this area. This has been an ongoing issue in this area that requires more attention and direct funding - not less - so as to provide CLEAN drinking water. Whenever I see brown water coming out of a faucet I think of iron remnants in the water. As a cancer victim myself I wonder how the WATER SUPPLY contributed to its development in my body during the many years I was drinking it on a daily basis prior to the revelation that in essence it was polluted. I have a water filter and drink nothing but bottled water now. The question is while being a homeowner and paying taxes for WATER it would seem to me that WATER should be clean and pure.

For years now, residents, schools, businesses and community groups have LACKED access to CLEAN, SAFE WATER due in large part to systemic and perhaps under funding by the STATE of New Jersey..

This is a matter of health and safety for the residents of Bloomfield, NJ and Essex County, NJ and perhaps other municipalities previously referenced that have been threatened by the ongoing and seemingly never ending water crisis.

For too long Bloomfield, NJ has lived with inadequate, unreliable and UNHEALTHY water supply systems. Swift, decisive action can BEGIN to make this injustice right.

The threat of water insecurity continues to loom over Bloomfield, New Jersey, Newark, NJ, Glen Ridge, NJ and Montclair, NJ. This will impact our communities for decades to come.

This is an example of negligence - putting the lives of women, men and children at risk.

I urge the EPA & DOJ to take the necessary actions to right these wrongs.

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