

The letter has not changed substantially from earlier versions you've already seen. But I wanted to bring your attention to a few things:

- Marc recently made public his intent to file a defamation suit against the people he believes are mainly responsible for writing the residents' letter (see https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/flint-water-crisis_us_5b4e1965e4b0fd5c73bf8113 <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A_www.huffingtonpost.com_entry_flint-2Dwater-2Dcrisis-5Fus-5F5b4e1965e4b0fd5c73bf8113&d=DwMFAQ&c=nE_W8dFE-shTxStwXtp0A&r=rHOuTsrubmT8EP2jshdv2w&m=sxLTSsqwF27DWF8Kw2logBZoqQGdyEnbmBHeT0fEkAU&s=GjICtKLC5kQtxMqo4IgonxPuER4E9QtJUcQiVwRj0Uw&e=>>). I have incorporated this threat as another example of behavior that may have the effect of intimidating and silencing residents.

- I had to delete the footnote with the links to the responses from AEESP, UCS, and VT. Happy to explain why offline if there's interest.

- I have edited some of the wording of the letter so that it can be sent to any person or organization in a position to help, rather than just those organizations that have already received the residents' letter (though it still makes a special point of urging these organizations to act). This way, we can promulgate the letter to any person or organization we think might be sympathetic.

- I have dated the letter July 19, 2018 (i.e. tomorrow). Unless someone raises a red flag before then, I suggest that we begin disseminating the link to the letter tomorrow. For a variety of reasons that I am happy to speak with anyone about by phone, I believe action is very, very urgent at the present time.

Having your ten signatures on the letter is truly amazing and I want to stress again how personally thankful I am for your willingness to speak up. But I also want to stress how critical it is that this letter goes viral. I have been laying the groundwork with a few people who I think would be willing to sign on as part of a second wave of signatures. I hope that you all have been able to think of some folks as well. Please send any names/affiliations of people who wish to sign on in support and I will add them.

I have included a list of people and organizations below that we have already said the letter should be sent to (aside from a couple I removed because I'll reach out to them myself). Stephen, Michael, and Kyle, would you be willing to take the lead in reaching out to these people and organizations? And for everyone else, feel free to disseminate the link to whomever you think is appropriate!

We may also want to think about how to respond to any communications from Marc. At the very least, he will likely try to fish for who is "really" behind the letter. I think it's important to remember that this letter, like the residents' letter, is not for him. As I see it, we are under no obligation to respond to any message we receive from him. I think that giving him the cold shoulder is probably the best approach. But if folks would like to schedule a call to discuss, please let me know.

Thanks so much again for all your support, and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns,