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Title: Replace Municipal Lead Plumbing
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House Action: **APPROVE**

Whereas, more than 100,000 people have been poisoned by lead in drinking water from the City of Flint, and

Whereas, it is estimated that the water infrastructure has been aged at least 15 years by the recent 18-month lack of corrosion control in this man-made disaster, and

Whereas, the protective scale on the inside of the water pipes in Flint is now corroded and friable, predisposing it to flake off with subsequent exposure of the underlying lead pipes and joints to drinking water, as well as depositing flakes of lead compound downstream in household pipes and aerators, and

Whereas, these breakages are unpredictable, thus making systematic testing unreliable, as houses which have previously tested under the EPA limit of 15 ppb may subsequently test extremely high, and

Whereas, despite the switch back to the Detroit water system and optimal corrosion control, more than 10 percent of households in Flint are still testing over the 15 ppb EPA limit¹, with some testing at a more than 10,000 ppb range²; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That MSMS strongly advocate that all lead service lines and joints in the City of Flint be replaced immediately; and be it further

RESOLVED: That MSMS advocate that lead plumbing in other municipal water supplies in Michigan be replaced as soon as possible; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) ask our AMA to strongly advocate that the United States of America end the man-made scourge of lead in drinking water and advocate for the swift replacement of lead plumbing throughout our country.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Mlive - http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/02/latest_flint_water_testing_sho.html#incart_river_index_topics - 2/22/16
² Mlive - http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2016/02/high_lead_levels_still_being_f.html