Emergency Resolution in Support of Sending a Letter of Solidarity to Flint and Michigan Teachers Unions

Whereas, teachers, students, and other citizens of Flint have endured many months of having a contaminated water supply that subjected children to lead poisoning, and

Whereas, experts report that the water pipes in Flint need to be replaced, and

Whereas, conditions in Detroit schools are deplorable—crumbling buildings, vermin-infested classrooms, intolerably large class sizes, a shortage of books and other supplies, and no salary increases for teachers for 10 years, and

Whereas, teachers—with the support of parents and students— have been protesting those terrible conditions with sick outs for several weeks, and

Whereas, Governor Rick Snyder appointed the same emergency manager for both cities, a manager who switched Flint’s water supply to the contaminated Flint River in order to cut costs, and who now runs a draconian austerity program for Detroit schools, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the PSC send a letter to the teachers locals of Flint and Detroit in solidarity with their vitally important struggle for Federal and State funding to replace Flint’s water pipes, to provide health and educational services for children affected by lead poisoning, and for full funding to improve the schools of Flint and Detroit.