MEMORANDUM FOR HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: NBC Tower

Chicago, IL

From: Karen Finney and Betsaida Alcantara RE: Taping of the Steve Harvey Show

I. PURPOSE

YOU are sitting for a live-to-tape interview on the "Steve Harvey" show with host Steve Harvey. The show will air Wednesday February 24th at 3pm ET. We ensured it would air before the South Carolina primary.

The purpose of this interview is to reach African American and women voters. We reached out to the show because it is the most watched TV show for African Americans in the United States. Steve's show averages 2.6 million viewers daily and has a significant social media following. His main demographic is women ages 25-54. Steve is known to be a host who goes out of his way to make his guests feel comfortable.

YOU will be interviewed by Steve Harvey on a range of questions, some of which will be about YOUR campaign and YOUR policies, while others will be lighter and fun. We pitched the show on having YOU and Steve discuss gun violence and faith, two issues YOU both care deeply about. Steve recently aired two shows on faith and gun violence. In November of 2015, Steve also called out Bernie Sanders' comment that YOU were shouting during the debate. Harvey said, "Is this a double standard? Yeah, it's a double standard. Women have a right to speak up." Please note that the tone of the show is generally light so even on policy questions, Steve won't go too deep into details.

YOUR time at the studio will be divided into five segments. We coordinated closely with the show's producers on the script and format of the show (see attachments for format and Q&A). The final segment of YOUR interview is a question and answer session on the Flint water and health crisis. The show is in the process of producing an episode entirely dedicated to Flint, Michigan. Please note that the show sent a film crew to YOUR event in Flint and took footage of YOUR speech at the church on Sunday, February 7th. They will use that footage and YOUR answers from this taping to include in the Flint special that they are planning to air before March 15th (more details in the attachments).

Note: In 2014 and 2015 the Steve Harvey show was an Emmy Awards Winner for "Best Talk Show informative."

II. PARTICIPANTS

- YOU
- Steve Harvey, Host, "Steve Harvey" Show
- Jason Kurtz, Co-Executive Producer, "Steve Harvey" Show
- Irina Krush, Chess Champion, U.S. Women's Chess Team (appearing in Segment 4)
- Approximately 150 attendees in the audience.

III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

3:00 pm Upon arrival, YOU proceed to the green room

YOU are greeted by Steve Harvey and Jason Kurtz, the co-executive producer

- 3:28 pm YOU proceed backstage, guided by Wes MacMillan, stage manager
- 3:30 pm YOU are announced to stage and begin interview

YOU participate in an interview with Steve Harvey, approximately 4 segments totaling 20 minutes in length, broken up by 3 commercial breaks

3:55 pm Upon the conclusion of the 4th segment, YOU and Steve Harvey proceed to an adjacent set to answer 3 or 4 Flint questions for a separate show that Steve Harvey will dedicate exclusively to Flint

Upon arrival, YOU and Steve Harvey take a seat

YOU participate in an interview with Steve Harvey, approximately 3-5 minutes in length

4:00 pm YOU depart

IV. NOTES

Background information on Steve's best-seller book released in 2009:

• *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man* is a book released in 2009 by Steve Harvey that describes for women Harvey's concept of what men really think about love, relationships, intimacy, and commitment. The book was very popular and became a #1 New York Times bestseller.

Steve says this book has a special meaning for him. "This is the first project that I didn't do for money," he says. "I tell jokes for a check; I'm on TV for a check. ... But this [book] right here I did purely to empower women."

A feature film based on the book, titled *Think Like a Man*, was released by Sony Pictures' Screen Gems subsidiary on April 20, 2012. Harvey served as an executive producer on the film and made a cameo appearance as himself.

2015 Miss Universe Pageant Controversy:

• In December 2015, Harvey hosted the Miss Universe 2015 pageant in Las Vegas. Upon announcing the final results, he mistakenly named the first runner-up, Miss Colombia, Ariadna Gutiérrez, as the winner. A few minutes after she was crowned, Harvey announced that he had read the results incorrectly and that Miss Philippines, Pia Wurtzbach, was the new Miss Universe. This incident received a great deal of national and international media. Steve recently had both women on the show to discuss the ordeal. It was one of the highest rated episodes for the show.

Recent Steve Harvey Shows:

February 4, 2016: The Deep Religious Divide in America

• Steve Harvey brought together a panel of religious leaders and activists from various faiths for an hour to have an open and honest discussion about religion, in hopes of narrowing the gap between knowledge and fear, as well as closing the deep divide in this country along religious lines, perpetuated by extremism and a lack of understanding.

Aired February 15, 2016: The Epidemic of Gun Violence in Chicago

- Steve Harvey tackles the topic of gun violence in Chicago, with a town hall style conversation with the studio audience, which will be filled by people who have been directly affected by the gun violence plaguing Chicago. They understand the crisis first hand, and Harvey wants to share Chicago's epidemic with everyone in the country.
- Steve will also welcome welcomes two ex-rival gang members, Brandon Jackson and Curtis Toler, who are now working side by side to help bring peace to Chicago, as well as President Obama's senior advisor and Chicago native, Valarie Jarrett.

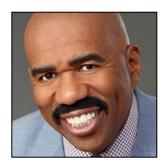
Aired November 20, 2015: Steve Harvey TV Show Segment – Democratic Primary Battle of the Sexes

- After the November 14, 2015 debate in Des Moines, IA, Steve Harvey did a segment on his TV Talk Show highlighting a double standard related to gender in the Democratic Primary. He references Bernie Sanders' comment that YOU were shouting during one the Democratic debates. YOU pushed back saying, "When a woman speaks out, it's considered shouting." Harvey seized on this stereotype, agreeing, "Is this a double standard? Yeah, it's a double standard. Women have a right to speak up."
- He went on to roast Sanders for comedic effect, claiming he looked like the Chief Executive Officer of E-Harmony and that Sanders himself was yelling during all of his answers. At the end of the segment he encouraged women to keep speaking up about things they believe in.

Attachments:

- 1 Biographies
- 2 Format and Q&A

BIOGRAPHIES



Steve Harvey
Host
The Steve Harvey Morning Show, Steve Harvey TV Series

Steve Harvey is an American comedian, television host, radio personality, actor, and author. He currently hosts *The Steve Harvey Morning Show* (a radio show), *Steve Harvey* (a TV talk show), and *Family Feud*. He is the author of *Act Like a*

Lady, Think Like a Man, which was published in March 2009, and went on to become a New York Times #1 Best Seller.

Harvey previously hosted *Showtime at the Apollo*, starred in *The Steve Harvey Show* from 1996-2002, and was featured in *The Original Kings of Comedy*. He is a three-time Daytime Emmy Award winner, and a 13-time NAACP Image Award winner in various categories.

Shortly after high school, he attended Kent State University and West Virginia University. He has been a boxer, an autoworker, an insurance salesman, a carpet cleaner, and a mailman. Harvey first performed stand-up comedy on October 8, 1985 at the Hilarities Comedy Club in Cleveland, Ohio. In the late 1980s Harvey was homeless for about three years. He slept in his 1976 Ford when not performing gigs that provided a hotel, and he showered at gas stations or swimming pool showers.

A born-again Christian, Steve Harvey has been married three times. He has twin daughters, Brandi and Karli, and a son, Broderick Jr., from his first marriage, and a son, Wynton, from his second. He enjoys spending time with his large, blended family (his current wife, Marjorie Bridge Harvey, whom he wed in 2007, brought three previous children of her own into their marriage). Steve Harvey is also the proud head of a charitable organization, The Steve Harvey Foundation, which offers mentoring programs to young men.



Jason Kurtz
Co-Executive Producer
"Steve Harvey" Show

After beginning his career as a talent assistant at the original Emmy Award winning Rosie O'Donnell Show, Jason Kurtz has gone on to become a veteran TV producer, specializing in daytime variety. His credits also include; The Caroline Rhea

Show, The Tony Danza Show, The Megan Mullally Show, The Bonnie Hunt Show, The Nate Berkus Show and The Queen Latifah Show Pilot. Jason has developed and produced countless pilots and talent while under an overall development deal at Telepictures Productions, where he was instrumental in launching their ground breaking web series, MomLogic.com, as well as casting vaporous talent for Ellen. Jason co-produced a town hall of all mothers in Carey, NC with Secretary Clinton during her last run. He currently serves as the Co-Executive Producer for Steve Harvey, which he co-created, launched and has since garnered him two Daytime Emmy Wards for Best Talk Show Informative.

Irina Krush

Chess Champion
U.S. Women's Chess Team

Krush was born in Odessa, USSR (now Ukraine). She learned to play chess at age five, emigrating with her parents to Brooklyn that same year. Krush attended Edward R. Murrow High School in Brooklyn, whose chess team is considered by many to be one of the top high school teams in the U.S.

At age 14, Krush won the 1998 U.S. Women's Chess Championship to become the youngest U.S. Women's Champion ever. She has won the U.S. Championship on six other occasions, in 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. She has also represented the U.S. in the 38th Chess Olympiad as the top player on the Women's team.

Krush became widely known for her series of chess training videos, the "Krushing Attacks" series.

FORMAT AND Q&A

Segment 1: Ask Steve into Ask Steve & Secretary Clinton – (2 minutes)

Note: YOU will be standing up during this segment. This segment generally runs 8 minutes and they introduce the surprise guest 6 minutes into the segment.

The show always starts with Steve fielding questions from their studio audience on topics that range from personal relationship questions to Steve's take on topical events. On this particular day, Steve would field 2-3 questions on his own. The 3rd or 4th question would be outside his wheelhouse.

Question from audience member Robin Rick (Robin is a Supervisor at Manhattan Beach Unified Schools Kitchen):

"Hi Steve. I'm a grandmother of 12 kids so by now I'm running out of fun things to do with them. I'm looking for new ways to entertain them so I was wondering, since Marjorie (Steve's wife) is a grandmother like me what are some of her favorite things to do with your grandkids?)"

After the question is asked, he will surprise the audience by introducing his "expert," YOU. YOU will enter the stage and assist Steve in answering the question. At this point he will show the picture of YOU and President Clinton holding Charlotte for the first time (pasted below).

Question from Steve to YOU:

What do YOU think of Robin's question?

- I'm lucky, I only have one grandchild at the moment and another one coming this summer! So I'm just experiencing the newness of it all. We spend countless hours just watching Charlotte in awe. When she learned to clap her hands, we gave her a standing ovation...
- I love to sing the song 'Wheels on the Bus,' and that keeps Charlotte entertained
- Bill and I are trying to be as much help to Chelsea and Marc as our own parents were to us.

• One suggestion for how to keep the 12 grandkids entertained is to have them play a game together, have them engaged and break them up in teams and plan something that's active like a scavenger hunt!

During the segment they will display this picture:



COMMERCIAL BREAK

Segment 2: YOUR sit-down interview - (7 to 8 minutes)

This segment will be a casual chat between YOU and Steve. It is structured so that the two of you can have fun but also tackle topics important to YOU and Steve, such as gun violence and faith. This segment generally runs 7-8 minutes.

1- Welcome to Chicago. Important question. No flip flopping. Deep dish or thin crust?

Note: Obviously this is a playful start to the segment to break the ice. Steve may even follow-up with "Hot sauce or no hot sauce?" since they've read that YOU love hot sauce. We can see Steve having fun with this.

• [YOU]

2- YOUR campaign's obviously off to a great start. How are things different this time around for YOU?

- I think I am a different, and perhaps a better candidate. I think I learned a lot from that race. I also have some additional experience that is incredibly relevant to being president and commander in chief. Those four years as Secretary of State gave me a front-row seat on the opportunities and the perils that we face in the world. So I feel very much confident and ready to do the job.
- Look Steve, I'm running for president to knock down all the barriers that are holding Americans back, and to rebuild the ladders of opportunity that will give every American a chance to advance, especially those who have been left out and left behind. I think America can only live up to its potential when we make sure that every American has a chance to live up to his or her potential. That will be my mission as president. And I think together we will make progress.

3- Race is such a hot button issue in America right now, we tackle it often here. How would YOU better bridge racial divides?

- The hard truth is, our country's struggle with racism is far from over. And this has been one of the fights of my life, from when I first got out of law school and went to South Carolina to help juveniles being held in adult prisons, or when I went down to Alabama, to investigate segregation academies.
- It was a fight I continued as First Lady, when I worked across the aisle to reform our foster care system, or to get the Children's Health Insurance Program. Because too many poor minority children have the deck stacked against them from day one.
- It was a fight I continued as Senator, when I fought for resources for reducing childhood lead poisoning, which disproportionately affects communities of color today. And when I introduced the Count Every Vote Act, to protect voting rights for everyone in our democracy.
- My entire career has been about helping every child from every background live up to his or her God-given potential. I've walked the

walk – not just in the 1960s, but at every step of my career in public life. And it will continue to be one of the fights of my Presidency.

4- Let's talk criminal justice reform. YOU acknowledge the existence of "systemic racism" in education and employment. How would YOU combat it?

- The first speech I gave in this campaign back in April was about criminal justice reform and ending the era of mass incarceration. This issue is very important to me.
- So I've introduced bold proposals in this campaign to reform our criminal justice system.
- Body cameras for every police department, so we have more transparency and more accountability, in law enforcement. An end to racial profiling. Policies to rebuild the trust between our communities and the people who are sworn to protect them—because right now it is broken.
- And I've said we need to end the era of mass incarceration. Reform mandatory minimums. Pursue alternatives to incarceration for low-level crimes. I also think we need to give people the support they need to reintegrate into the community when they leave prison. One key reform would be to ban the box.
- We have to restore policing that will actually protect the communities that police officers are sworn to protect. And, then we have to go after sentencing because so much of what happened in the criminal justice system doesn't happen at the federal level, it happens at the state and local level.
- But, I would also add this. We face a complex set of economic, social, and political challenges. They're intersectional, reinforcing, & we've got to take them all on. There are other racial discrepancies. Really systemic racism in this state, as in others, in education, in employment, in the kinds of factors that too often lead from a position where young people, particularly young men, are pushed out of school early, are denied employment opportunities. So, when we talk about criminal justice reform, and ending the era of mass incarceration, we also have to talk

about jobs, education, housing, and other ways of helping communities.

5- I did a show on gun violence. So many suffering here in Chicago and across the country. How do we reduce gun violence in America?

Note: This is another area where both YOU and Steve have strong and similar views on this issue. Steve dedicated an entire show to discuss gun violence in Chicago which aired on February 15, 2016. One of the mothers who participated in the Feb. 15th gun violence show was Cleopatra Pendleton, Hadiya Pendleton's mom. We've let the producers know that YOU met with Mrs. Pendleton and other mothers of the movement last time YOU were in Chicago.

We also noted that on February 17th YOU will be joined by Sandra Bland's mother, Geneva Reed-Veal.

- It's time to face the hard truth about race and justice in America. Laquan McDonald, shot 16 times in a Chicago street. Walter Scott, shot in the back by a police officer in Charleston. African American men are still far more likely than white men to be stopped by police, charged with crimes, and sentenced to long prison terms. African American children face the same discrimination.
- I have heard the impact when I've met with mothers who have lost their children—at the hands of police, of civilians. I sat with them and heard their stories. About the tragic deaths of Hadiya Pendleton, Eric Garner, Tamir Rice, and others.
- And Steve I want to commend you for having devoted one of your shows to tell these stories and bring attention to the need to urgently act on gun violence.
- We have got to come together and change our system. After the recent Chicago video was released, I called for a full review by the Justice Department into the practices of the Chicago police department. I think we need better officer training on de-escalation. To put an end to racial profiling. And to end the era of mass incarceration—by cutting back on mandatory minimums, ending for-profit prisons, and ending the crack-cocaine disparity.

• But we also need to fight for common-sense gun reform and comprehensive background checks. To keep guns out of the wrong hands, including the mentally unstable, domestic abusers, and, of course, criminals.

6- Faith is obviously important to me and my viewers. What's faith's role in YOUR life and YOUR campaign?

Note: YOU've often said, "I'm a Methodist and we learn to do 'all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as you ever can."

Excerpts from YOUR January 26 response in Iowa on the topic of YOUR faith:

- Steve, it is very important to me. I am a person of faith. I am a Christian. I have been raised Methodist. I feel very grateful for the instructions and support I've received, starting in my family and through my church.
- My study of the Bible, my many conversations with people of faith has led me to believe that the most important commandment is to love the Lord with all your might and to love your neighbor as yourself. And that is what I think we are commanded by Christ to do.
- And there is so much more in the Bible about taking care of the poor, visiting the prisoner, taking in a stranger, creating opportunities for others to be lifted up, to find faith themselves that I think there are many different ways of exercising your faith. But I do believe that in many areas judgment is to be left to God.
- That being more open, tolerant, and respectful of people who have different life experiences is part of what makes me humble about my faith. I am in awe of people who can truly turn the other cheek all the time, who can go that extra mile that we are called to go, who keep finding ways to forgive and move on.
- Those are really hard things for human beings to do. And there is a lot, certainly in the New Testament, that calls us to do that.
- So there is much to be learned and I have been very disappointed and sorry that Christianity that has such great love at its core is sometimes used to condemn so quickly and judge so harshly. When I think part of the

message that I certainly have tried to understand and live with is to look at yourself first — to make sure that you are being the kind of person you should be in how you are treating others.

• I am by no means a perfect person. I certainly confess that to one and all. But I feel the continuing urge to try to do better, to try to be kinder, to try to be more loving — even with people who are quite harsh. So I think you have to keep asking yourself, if you are a person of faith, "What is expected of me? Am I actually acting the way that I should?" And that starts in small ways and goes out in a very large one, but it's something that I take very seriously. So thank you for asking.

7- How does being a mom and now grandmother effect how YOU shape YOUR policy?

Note: This is a little lighter to end the segment on and a little more personal.

- I'm running for President because I just fundamentally believe that you shouldn't have to be the grandchild of a president and secretary of state to make it in this country. That's one of the reasons I am so obsessed with providing quality preschool for every single child in this country. It's the best investment we can make.
- There's something about being a grandparent that gets you thinking about the future...

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Segment 3: The Secretary "Female Groundbreaker" – (6 minutes)

Note: One of the show's recurring segments is introducing their audience to female groundbreakers from across the country. Women who have defied the norm and made it in worlds traditionally dominated by men. The show believes nobody is a bigger female groundbreaker than YOU. Steve will take a look back at YOUR life and present moments that demonstrate why YOU are the ultimate female groundbreaker.

During this segment Steve will take a trip down memory lane with YOU to talk about the different moments of YOUR life displayed in the photographs below.

Moments and photographs below:

**LETTER TO NASA AT 12

Steve will talk to YOU about YOU wanting to be an astronaut at 12



**COMMENCEMENT SPEECH IN 1969/TIME MAGAZINE

Steve will tell the audience YOU were the first student in the College's history to offer its commencement address.



**MAKING THE FIRST MOVE TO APPROACH YOUR NOW HUSBAND IN A LIBRARY

Steve will ask YOU to tell the audience about that fateful day in the Library when YOU met President Bill Clinton



**BECOMING THE FIRST FEMALE SENATOR OF NEW YORK STATE

Steve will ask YOU what this day was like when YOU were sworn in as the first woman Senator in the history of New York State.



COMMERCIAL BREAK

Segment 4: Female Groundbreaker Game – (5 minutes)

This is a game Steve has played before with some celebrity guests who stopped by their studio and it is structured very much like the classic game show, *To Tell the Truth*. YOU and Steve will team-up to see if YOU could spot the real female groundbreaker. Three women will ID themselves as Irina Krush, a female groundbreaker and professional chess player who at 14 became the youngest person ever to win a U.S. Chess Championship. (Bobby Fisher, the renowned chess world champion, was 15 when he won the U.S. Chess Championship.)

The three women will be on stage and they will field questions from YOU and Steve. After a series of questions, YOU and Steve will present YOUR guess. If YOU guess correctly, the whole audience will win a prize. Of course, the audience wins no matter what.

Steve's script for this segment is as follows:

Secretary Clinton has broken major ground for women everywhere, but can she identify another woman who's done the same?

She's gonna try in this edition of "Two Lies and a Truth"

We've got three women here. But only one is today's female groundbreaker.

She's the first and only woman in America to earn the Grandmaster title in Chess and in the world of more than 1400 grandmasters, she's just one of 33 other women. The other two women standing with her today? Imposters!

Ladies introduce yourselves:

(Girl #1: "Hi. I'm Irina Krush and I'm today's female groundbreaker."

<u>Girl #2</u>: "Hi. I'm Irina Krush and I'm today's female groundbreaker."

Girl #3: "Hi. I'm Irina Krush and I'm today's female groundbreaker.")

It's up to us to figure out which woman is the chess champ. And if we do, everyone in the audience is getting a one hundred dollar Amex gift card.

We each get to ask any of the women three questions. Ladies first, so Secretary Clinton start us off.

The show's scripted questions for YOU to ask the three women, however they welcome YOU going off script and asking YOUR own formulated questions:

- YOU will ask: How did you get into chess?
- Steve will ask: What was your first big success?
- YOU will ask: What's the key to your success?
- Steve will ask: Is it ever intimidating to be in a male dominated field?
- YOU will ask: What is it like being a role model?

• Steve will ask: What goals are you working toward now?

Other suggestions from us:

- Who inspired YOU to pursue chess?
- Who is YOUR favorite chess player?
- What is YOUR favorite or winning chess move?

COMMERCIAL BREAK

Final Segment - Flint Interview to be Shot in Second Location - (3-5 minutes)

As part of their special Flint episode, they are filling their studio audience with residents of this "forgotten city." During this hour Steve will host a town hall with residents of Flint to discuss the water crisis and other problems plaguing the city. The conversation will broaden out to include other cities who are facing and have faced the same issues as Flint. From Gary, Indiana to Camden, NJ. The show is reaching and hopefully confirming some diverse panelists to provide insight into this topical conversation from Erin Brokovich to Rep. Sheldon Nelley to journalist Charlie LeDuff. Also included will be human interest stories from Flint. They would like Steve to do a short interview with YOU to discuss YOUR thoughts on how to address the problems facing U.S. cities like Flint.

They set up a sit down chat area in one of the green rooms for this more intimate and important conversation. Steve's questions are included below.

1. What did YOU learn on YOUR most recent visit to Flint?

- I met with several mothers whose families have been affected by the crisis, and who are seeing the effects in their children. There is nothing so heartbreaking as holding a young mother's hand in this kind of situation. They're scared. They're tired. They don't know who to trust. And so really I went to Flint to tell them I'm with them. And I'm not going to let anyone forget about what's happening in Flint.
- I also learned that when Governor Snyder pulled most of the national guard out of Flint, it meant they no longer had the manpower to do door-to-door deliveries of clean water. And that really affects single parents, the elderly, the disabled, who may not have an easy time getting to the water distribution centers. So I called on philanthropists to help out, and I'm pleased that the

most vulnerable Flint residents will once again be able to count on door-to-door delivery of clean water. I'm also asking my campaign staff and volunteers in Flint to deliver water rather than going canvassing.

2. Are YOU satisfied with the federal government's response to Flint and what else needs to be done?

• What the Obama Administration has done is a start, but we know there's more work ahead. To begin with, Congress needs to pass the amendment Michigan Sens. Stabenow and Peters have crafted to provide funds to start rebuilding Flint's water infrastructure. There are also proposals out there to expand Medicaid to cover every person under 21 in Flint—I think that should be done as soon as possible so the children and teenagers who are most vulnerable to lead exposure can get the health care they need not just now, but until they reach adulthood.

3. Flint's problems go beyond the water crisis. What are the solutions for cities like Flint that have high rates of poverty and crime and very few jobs or resources?

- I'm glad you asked that question. Because even if we fix the pipes, even if we address the long-term health and educational consequences of this crisis, the people of Flint will still face so many other barriers that are keeping them from getting ahead. That's why, just last week, I put forward a \$125 billion Economic Revitalization Initiative for communities that have been left out and left behind.
- My plan would create <u>jobs</u> in the areas that need them most -- including for young people. It would give formerly incarcerated people a fair shot at getting back on their feet. It would support small business, because the success of entrepreneurs and small businesses shouldn't be limited by zip code. It would invest in infrastructure and transportation, so that people can actually get to work. It would put more families, including families of color, in a position for sustainable home ownership.
- And that's just a piece of my broader agenda for communities being left behind -- by reforming our criminal justice system, tackling the school to prison pipeline, and more. Because I'm not a single issue candidate. I think we need to break down every barrier that's keeping Americans from reaching their full potential.

4. What is YOUR plan to address the problems facing cities like Flint?

• [Same answer as above.]

5. What is something Congress could do today that would have an immediate impact on Flint and cities like Flint?

- Passing the Stabenow-Peters amendment to provide immediate funding for Flint to begin replacing its water infrastructure is something that needs to happen as soon as possible.
- Congressman Kildee and Congressman Upton also have a proposal to strengthen requirements for the EPA to notify the public of dangerous concentrations of lead in drinking water if the state doesn't act first. I think it makes good sense to clarify responsibility between the states and EPA, and if states are shirking their duty, to have the EPA step in.
- Flint shows us that we have been dangerously underfunding our water infrastructure. There are more Flints out there—cities like Denmark, South Carolina, where I was last week, and where local residents said they've been struggling with water quality issues for years. EPA estimates we have \$384 billion in needed repairs and upgrades to our drinking water infrastructure in this country. I'd like to see Congress take this on—because one situation like the one we have in Flint is one too many.