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The Honorable Dave Bing
Mayor, City of Detroit
Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1126
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mayor Bing:

I am writing to you today to again offer our city's cooperation with Detroit in joint ventures that are mutually beneficial and to express my concern over the grand jury indictments involving the City of Detroit's Water and Sewer Department contracts.

This department services over four million residents in 126 communities, so any accusations of corruption affect all communities, not just Detroit.

In my opinion, the air must be cleared on these accusations at a meeting with you and representatives from the communities serviced by DWSD. All of us need to know that every dollar we send to DWSD for services is well-spent.

I would also, hope that, if such a meeting is held, there would be discussion and agreement on giving users of the DWSD more voice on the Board that oversees the DWSD. I firmly believe that more proportional representation on the board will go a long way toward building trust in the DWSD operation.

The fallout from the recent indictments is a loss of confidence in the contract letting procedures of the DWSD and the overall operation of this agency.

I hope that you, as Detroit Mayor and the appointing authority of the DWSD board, would be receptive to changes in the DWSD Board make-up. At stake is the public trust.

Again, please consider my offer of a cooperative relationship between Warren and Detroit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Fouts".

Jim Fouts
Mayor, City of Warren