- Rep Canfield, I heard you speak about information inciting fear. I was told I was doing that in Jan 2015 when my group, WYFF, began disseminating data & science from experts such as Bob Bowcock, Erin Brockovich, Lois Gibbs and more.
- Let me explain what fear looks like = Never knowing how high my family's bill's were when we were drinking the water because we were kept in the dark. Not knowing if symptoms will get worse. Not knowing what all toxic substances we consumed. Fear of watching my kids struggle & suffer and I can't help. Not knowing if my youngest son's summertime pneumonia in 2014 was Legionnaires. Fear is not knowing.
- What we have now is knowledge and awareness. Citizens are no longer sitting by allowing politicians or purchased voices lie to us and provide false assurances to minimize our trauma.
- We are smart, educated and we are tough. So we need to know what is all in our water. As I got out of the shower this morning and my skin burned, broke out, and peeled, my common sense tells me the water is not safe.
- As we, the citizens, beg for answers about the rashes and get nothing, we had to once again go to an outside independent source. Water Defense tested my taps, water heater, and bathtub, they found high levels of aluminum, 12 times the recommended phosphorus twice the ~~safe~~ max level of chloroform PLUS Bromodichloromethane = trihalomethane AND 370 parts Dichlorobenzene, the max is 25. The last two are carcinogens that also do damage to kidneys, liver & brain.
- First question: Since I am no longer just worried about the lead & copper in my water, and there is NO science proving the water is safe to bathe, HOW can the State be allowed to tell people it's safe to bathe??
- Next question: Since there is more than just lead in the water, why won't legislature push to have ALL the metal pipes removed as our Plumbers Union 370 suggests. Lead needs to go, the iron corrosion in galvanized pipes breeds bacteria and my water comes through blue every day, so copper needs to go. ~~with interior plumbing, water heaters and more~~ NOW!! BY FLINT HANDS!! If we have to wait it out.
- Next question: In July & Aug of 2015 the Coalition for Clean Water met with Muchmore & Harvey Hollins & Shekter-Smith, Busch & Wurfel in Aug. My husband created a map of rashes, discoloration, TTHM tests & lead results to PROVE this was a widespread problem. They did NOTHING. Why isn't Hollins fired?
- Next question: When will state legislature hit the root of this disaster and denounce the Emergency Manager Law?
- Next question: Canfield, I testified in front of you & legislature in June 2015. It helped spurn the Water Package that includes Water Quality, Water affordability, notification and more. Can you tell me WHY The Water is a Human Right Package in front of you is stuck in committee & you have not pushed it?
- We deserve better. 7 months ago we proved the water was toxic. We are living bottle to bottle. No dignity. You try living here like this. We are sick of doing the State's job. I've been on sick leave since Jan 7th but we're still going door-to-door to help. Just like we did in March 2015. We're still doing the state's job. So push these bills & force YOUR Gov to fix what his administration broke. Remind you we're not victims, we're fighters & will take aim at everyone who stands in our way. Thanks