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The Honorable Jeff Landry
Governor of Louisiana
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

**RE: URGENT REQUEST FOR STATE ASSESSMENT, EMERGENCY INTERVENTION, AND
DETERMINATION UNDER LA. R.S. 29:724 — RAYVILLE, RICHLAND PARISH**

Dear Governor Landry:

I write on behalf of LegalBro Services in my capacity as a human rights advocate to request prompt state intervention concerning reported water-service and water-billing hardships affecting residents of Rayville, Louisiana. Residents have described the untenable burden of paying municipal water bills while also purchasing bottled water. These concerns warrant immediate, independent assessment of the safety, reliability, affordability, and administration of an essential public service.

I respectfully request that your office direct the appropriate state agencies to determine urgently whether a disaster or emergency has occurred, or whether the threat is imminent, within the meaning of Louisiana Revised Statute 29:724. If the verified facts satisfy that standard, I request that you issue an appropriately scoped emergency declaration and activate available response resources. This letter does not presume that the statutory findings have already been established.

Specifically, I request: (1) expedited coordination with the Louisiana Department of Health and other appropriate agencies to obtain current drinking-water testing, compliance records, advisories, and an assessment of service continuity; (2) an assessment of the number of affected households, duration and geographic extent of any unsafe or unavailable service, and any immediate health risks, especially to children, older adults, and medically vulnerable residents; (3) an examination of billing practices, unusually high bills, complaint handling, and the financial burden of buying alternative drinking water; (4) consideration of immediate potable-water distribution and other lawful relief if conditions warrant; and (5) a written explanation of the findings, response measures, responsible agencies, and expected timelines.

I further request coordination with Richland Parish emergency officials and Rayville municipal officials without making local action a prerequisite to evaluating any imminent threat. Please advise what additional resident statements, bills, laboratory results, advisories, photographs, or service records your office needs to make a timely determination. Supporting evidence can be submitted promptly as it becomes available.

I hope that any differences in political affiliation will have no bearing on this matter. This is a request for public-health protection and government accountability, not partisan advantage. Residents should not

have to choose between paying a water bill and obtaining water they can safely use. I ask that the situation be promptly investigated, that appropriate remedies be implemented, and that your office acknowledge receipt and identify the agency assigned to respond.

Respectfully,

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Legal reference: La. R.S. 29:724. This submission requests an investigation and determination; it is not an official emergency declaration or a finding of water contamination.