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You should know that our community is being afflicted by some serious public health threats.

It has come to my attention from the media that people in Bronx County are dying and becoming very sick because of a deadly bacterial infection that is being spread by rats.

It has also come to my attention that the water our children are drinking in some of our public schools may be contaminated with toxic levels of lead.

Enclosed is an open letter that I have sent to the Commissioner Basil Seggos of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Also enclosed is a letter to parents that was sent by the New York City Department of Education regarding one of the effected schools.

Ladies and gentlemen, these kinds of public health threats are always happening in minority communities. Our people are suffering and dying. Why are we the last to know?

I am Senator Reverend Rubén Díaz, and this is what you should know.