



## **Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition (MRRC)**

### **Jackson Water Crisis 2022**

#### **Talking Points**

**Jackson has been the real hero** of this story. Even as the state has withheld resources and watched our infrastructure crumble for decades, we have been resilient and resourceful. We even committed to paying higher taxes to help fix this problem. **We've done more than our share. Now the state and the federal government must do theirs.**

**The Mississippi Rapid Response Coalition** (The Coalition), is led by the People's Advocacy Institute, the Mississippi Poor People's Campaign, One Voice MS, Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity (IAJE), Alternate ROOTS, Mississippi Moves, Operation Good, Strong Arms of Mississippi, Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable, Southern Poverty Law Center, and over thirty partner organizations that have come together to mobilize communities across Mississippi to provide rapid response support in times of crisis - whether they are caused by natural disasters or infrastructure failures.

**Failing infrastructure is a national crisis but it hasn't affected communities equally.**

Jackson is facing a perfect storm of willful neglect and chronic disinvestment by a state that has been more interested in playing politics than addressing our water crisis.

We watched levees break in New Orleans during Katrina. Water systems fail in Flint, in Laredo, Texas. **This is not only a crisis of failed infrastructure. It is a crisis of fairness.** It is a crisis of state and federal government and its failure to equitably serve all of its people.

**We stand with the people of Jackson in calling for the state and federal government to act** and provide infrastructure funds and immediate water relief to our city.

**But we aren't waiting to act.** That is why we have come together - organizations and agencies of all kinds - to do what we can. Please join us. Go to [www.jxnpeoplesassembly.org](http://www.jxnpeoplesassembly.org) to learn how.