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Subject: Support for Community Water Fluoridation for the City of Madison, WI

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Greetings,

I have attached a letter representing the Wisconsin Dental Hygienist's Association stance on Community Water Fluoridation.

We strongly support the continuation of Community Water Fluoridation in your city's water supply.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have concerning this topic.

Thank you for your time,

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WISCONSIN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

To: The City of Madison, WI Water Utility Board Members

From: The Wisconsin Dental Hygienists' Association (WI-DHA)

Date: August 21, 2020

RE: Support for Water Fluoridation



We understand the review of community water fluoridation is being discussed soon for the City of Madison. Wisconsin Dental Hygienists' Association's policy is to support and encourage water fluoridation as a safe, effective and affordable public health measure that significantly reduces tooth decay in people of all ages. Water fluoridation is a safe and cost-effective method to reduce tooth decay.

Costs associated with water fluoridation are minimal (approximately \$.75 per person per year) compared to the expense of treating tooth decay (a single filling cost is approximately \$140). Public health research repeatedly demonstrates that water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by at least 25% over a lifetime and for every \$1.00 spent on prevention, \$38.00 is saved on treatment costs.

Besides being affordable and effective, optimum water fluoridation is safe. Thousands of scientific studies have shown no adverse health effects from properly fluoridated water. The CDC provides scientific evidence as to the need for and safety of community water fluoridation.

<https://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/index.html>.

Along with the WI-DHA, there are over 100 national or global professional health organizations that recognize the safety, affordability and health benefits of community water fluoridation. These associations make decisions based on scientific evidence. Please refer to the American Dental Association's *Fluoridation Facts* https://www.ada.org/~media/ADA/Files/Fluoridation_Facts.pdf?la=en for the complete list of reliable organizations who support water fluoridation.

The WI-DHA strongly urges the City of Madison to continue with the important service of community water fluoridation.

Sincerely,

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