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February 1, 2010

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
U.S. House of Representatives
2446 Rayburn Building
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Baldwin:

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As you know, we rely upon the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council to evaluate issues of widespread public significance that require integration of health sciences research. The benefit and risks associated with fluoridation of public water supplies is such an issue. We request that your office ask the National Research Council to address this particular issue.

Sincerely,

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President, Madison Water Utility Board

Tom Heikkinen
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cc: Water Utility Board
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United States Senate
506 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

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