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Dear lawmakers, water plant officials and operators,
and to all concerned with their health, their water, and their
freedom of choice:

I understand fluoridation is being considered in your area. Please be alerted to the following:

Continually emerging evidence shows fluoridation to be a major mistake, medically, dentally, environmentally and economically.

Even from the standpoint of dental effects, fluoride does more dental harm than any dental good intended. The dental fluorosis it causes shows up in the form of white spotted, discolored, or, in more advanced cases, actual pitted/mottled teeth. To compound this further, the pitted teeth invites more decay, therefore, fluoride causes more damaged teeth than cavity-free teeth. And the harm does not end there. The children afflicted with dental fluorosis -- and there are many -- suffer from a great deal of embarrassment and a lack of self-esteem.

Then there is the systemic damage. Scientific research has shown that the health risks of fluoridation have risen to alarming degrees, and the claimed benefits of reduced tooth decay have shrunk to very negligible benefits if any. Therefore, the Benefit/Risk Ratio tells us that the intentional addition of fluoride chemicals to the public water system is not a good investment; in fact, it is a tremendous waste of money from the taxpayers and from well meaning but inadequately informed foundations.

Opponents of fluoridation include over 4500 professionals from medical, dental, scientific, environmental and academic fields) who have signed a Professional Statement/Petition urging an end to fluoridation. Their decision was based on solid research, siipported by the 2006 findings of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council's 500+ page fluoride report. Their expert panel has found that the maximum level of fluoride allowed into public drinking water is too high, is not protecting the people and should be lowered. Further, it reported on studies showing fluoride's risks and harmful effects at or even less than the level of fluoride added to public water supplies (e.g., thyroid impairment, kidney impairment, lowering of IQ, bone defects, and more.)

The NRC 2006 fluoride report should be mandatory reading for any legislator or official who proposes fluoridation, before he/she continues to proceed in that direction.

For the last number of years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's

professional union at headquarters in Washington, D.C. has been calling for an end to fluoridation on scientific and ethical grounds, after examining into the issue. Ten additional EPA professional unions, comprising 7000 EPA professionals, have called for a halt to fluoridation.

Total fluoride intake (and its "twin" problem of dental fluorosis) has risen to disturbing proportions. It cannot be controlled as long as fluoride is intentionally added to the public's water (and unavoidably into the foods and beverages processed or cookd with that water).

People in high risk segments of the population have to be very wary of fluoride because they are more vulnerable to its toxic effects, e.g., the newborn, our youth and our elders, those drinking large quantities of water, the nutritionally deficient, the ill, those with thyroid, kidney or bone problems, etc.

My interest on the hazards and failure of fluoridation go back many years, initially because it was considered for the nearly 3 million residents of Long Island on various occasions. Thanks to concerned and informed citizens and legislators, we remain 100% fluoridation-free. So too is our New York State capital of Albany. So, too, is at least 97% of Western Europe.

We hope that you, as a responsible legislator , vote NO to any bill or proposal that would force needless, questionable health-damaging fluoride chemicals upon people through their public drinking water.

By voting no to fluoridation, It does not deprive anyone who still wishes fluoride, to obtain it from numerous optional, voluntary means without imposing it on others.

Sincerely,

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