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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of myself and my 5 partner dentists who practice in Madison and Verona, and see patients from throughout Madison and greater Dane County, we would like to give support to continued community water fluoridation by the Madison Water Utility. The safety and success of community water fluoridation has been well proven by sound, widely accepted science. I believe that the great value of a public health measure like water fluoridation is that it silently and without any extra effort or action, benefits those that are at greatest risk for tooth decay, like children or older adults. Tooth decay, perhaps not as prevalent in our society as it once was, is still a major problem. I still see too much preventable tooth decay, too many children with preventable toothaches and too much missed school or work time due to preventable tooth emergencies. Without community water fluoridation, it would be far worse.

In my practice, I treat patients who consume community fluoridated water as well as families on well water and I definitely believe I see more tooth decay in the families served by well water or who choose to drink solely bottled water; across all age groups.

I hope to testify in person for the hearing on Tuesday but in light of the early start time, I may not be able to make it in time. I wanted to be sure my support for continued fluoridation was registered with the Utility board.

Thank you,

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