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Subject:	ADHA"s Comment Letter - Water Utility Board
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Dear Madam or Sir:

Attached is a support letter from the American Dental Hygienists' Association in regards to water fluoridation in Madison, Wisconsin. The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of more than 185,000 dental hygienists across the country. Dental hygienists are preventive oral health professionals, licensed in dental hygiene, who provide educational, clinical and therapeutic services that support total health through the promotion of optimal oral health. For more information about the ADHA, dental hygiene or the link between oral health and general health, visit the ADHA at www.adha.org.

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Madison Water Utility Board
119 East Olin Avenue
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Dear Water Utility Board Members,

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) encourages the Water Utility Board of Madison, Wisconsin to continue fluoridating their water at optimum levels. Fluoridating at optimum levels to reduce tooth decay is supported by a large number of state and federal agencies like the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The ADHA is the largest national organization representing the professional interests of more than 185,000 dental hygienists across the country. ADHA has a longstanding policy in support of water fluoridation as a safe and effective method for reducing the incidence of dental caries. ADHA supports the education of the public and other health professionals regarding the preventive and therapeutic benefits of fluoride.

A CDC report, "Achievements in Public Health, 1900-1999: Fluoridation of Drinking Water to Prevent Dental Caries," shows that between 1966 and 1994 — a period when roughly 70 million Americans gained access to fluoridated water — the average number of decayed, filled or missing teeth among 12-year-olds fell 68 percent.

For nearly 70 years the public has benefited from improved overall dental health by adding fluoride to community drinking water. On behalf of ADHA, I am writing to encourage the Water Utility Board of Madison, Wisconsin to continue fluoridating at optimum levels in the community.

Should you have any questions or if you require any additional information regarding ADHA's support of water fluoridation, please feel free to contact ADHA Director of Governmental Affairs Ann Lynch by phone at (312) 440-8900 or via email at AnnL@adha.net.

Sincerely,

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