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Subject: Re: Re-introduction of Water Fluoridation

Dear Mayor Gary McNamara and Council,
Re: Re-introduction of Community Water Fluoridation in Windsor, Essex County

As a local practicing dental hygienist, I see children every week with critical oral health problems, from cavities. I urge and hope that Council looks to the science and history of fluoridation and supports the re-introduction of fluoridated water to the Windsor-Essex County community.

It is devastating to see a child for their first dental visit and witness the consequence of removing the fluoride from our water in 2013. Frequently, I am informing parents of toddlers and young children of not one, but several areas of decay. Removing the fluoride from the community water has proven to have caused a negative effect on the oral health of the children in our community. Prior to 2013 we had one of the most effective systemic applications for preventing disease in place. The argument that people can apply fluoride using different means does not take into account the limited information parents have regarding safe levels of fluoride.

Research has continuously resulted with scientific evidence supporting the safety of community water fluoridation at optimally controlled levels. There has yet to be a better solution to preventing the most common chronic childhood disease. In addition to the increase incidence of cavities among children, it has also contributed to the decline of oral health in seniors and general population.

Fluoridation is an effective and inexpensive way to improve the oral health of everyone in our community. Instead of allowing the negative stigma of ill-informed individuals make a decision for what is statistically and scientifically analyzed, I hope Council supports the re-introduction of fluoride. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, I hope it helps foster improvement to our communities oral health.

Sincerely,
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