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**Subject: Water fluoridation**

Hello,

I would like to submit some comments for the upcoming council meeting regarding putting fluoride back into drinking water.

I disagree with this for a number of reasons.

There have been many studies done indicating that fluoride is harmful for certain vulnerable populations such as young children. It does not seem that there are definitive, peer reviewed studies that indicate adding fluoride gives a positive effect. The fluoride that will be added is an agricultural waste product, which to me does not sound promising. 98% of the water being fluoridated will not be consumed by customer. It will be used in toilets, washing machines, watering the lawn, etc. This does not seem like an effective method to distribute fluoride. If one wishes to use fluoride, one can use toothpaste and other products. It will be very expensive to start fluoride up again. The figure I heard was 1 million dollars. If dental health is a concern, which is certainly a legitimate concern, that million dollars could be spent elsewhere with better results - more access to dental care for lower income people for example. I don't think that forcing anyone that wishes to drink tap water as opposed to bottled water and all the negative environmental impacts that has should be forced to consume fluoride unwillingly. Thank you for receiving my comments.

Yours truly,

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