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**Subject:** January 29 Special Meeting

Mayor and Members of Town of Tecumseh Council:

When my municipality was considering discontinuing artificial fluoridation of the water supply, I made a point of obtaining the Product Safety Sheets from my Public Works Dept. for the specific product being added so as to better understand the issue. Having read them, I cannot overstate how toxic this compound is, not only to ingest, but for staff to handle. I have scanned and attached some brief excerpts from these sheets so that you can understand why I am very concerned.

As the ones making the decision to add this toxic chemical to the public water supply for “medicinal purposes” (though you do NOT have the consent of the users to medicate them), you have an obligation to acquire copies of the material handling safety sheets as I did. Read them in full.

In every case where some “expert” makes the claim that fluoride in the water supply is harmless, you have to take them to task and be certain that they are referring specifically to the product being added: HFSA. If not, their input is not relevant to the decision you will be making.

Having read the Product Safety Sheets myself, I have come to the conclusion that no degree of dilution renders this compound safe to ingest, let alone the introduction of all of the other associated toxic compounds found in HFSA (heavy metals, in particular).

Residential systems for the removal of fluoride and other harmful products unable to be filtered at the treatment plants are expensive to purchase and costly and inconvenient to maintain. I know. I have been using one for years since my son developed dental fluorosis. Fortunately, I can afford to operate such a system. I pity those who cannot, but would want or need to (in the latter case, those with kidney disease) if HFSA is reintroduced into the municipal water supply.

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