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Dear Melissa,

The science is undeniable: **fluoridating drinking water is one of the most powerful, cost-effective public health measures in history.** For decades, it has dramatically reduced tooth decay, saved communities millions in dental costs, and provided essential protection to people of all ages. Removing it or failing to support it is not just irresponsible—it is a direct attack on public health.

Fluoride strengthens enamel, prevents cavities, and reduces dental disease by about **25%**, benefiting everyone, regardless of income or access to dental care. Without it, communities see an immediate and devastating rise in tooth decay, leading to higher healthcare costs, preventable pain, and lifelong consequences for children and adults alike. For every **\$1 invested in fluoridation, \$38 is saved** in dental expenses. Eliminating it would be a reckless waste of resources.

Yet, despite overwhelming evidence from the **CDC, WHO, ADA, and every major health organization worldwide**, misinformation and fearmongering persist. The claim that fluoride is dangerous has been **debunked repeatedly**. At recommended levels, fluoride is **safe, effective, and essential**—just like iodine in salt or vitamin D in milk. Those who oppose it are ignoring facts and promoting preventable suffering.

This is not a debate. This is a matter of science and public responsibility. The consequences of inaction are clear: more cavities, higher medical costs, and unnecessary pain for millions. **Fluoride is not optional—it is a necessity.** Any effort to remove or block it is an attack on the well-being of Tewksbury residents.

Stand with science. Stand with public health. Keep fluoride in our water.

Sincerely,

Kathy Levasseur