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Hello, I'm writing in response to the conversation surrounding fluoride in Tewksbury's water. I am a resident of this town, and I attended the public forum, however I wasn't prepared to speak. I just wanted to listen and understand why this topic was being discussed. After doing my own research, I would like to speak in support of fluoride STAYING in the water.

My main reasons:

- 1- The studies showing what happens to cities that removed fluoride shows significant increase in dental procedures required.
- 2- The studies indicating a link between fluoride and lower IQ scores were conducted outside of the United States where there are higher natural fluoride concentrations, higher than the amount being added to water supplies.
- 3- The argument of "forced medication" feels especially flawed to me given that this is universally agreed to be a great and very successful public health measure. We're not talking about poison here.
- 4- The pros FAR outweigh any cons in my opinion.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

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