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Dear Ms. Braga,

As a resident of Tewksbury, I am writing to express my strong support for continuing to add fluoride to our town's water supply. As you consider this important public health matter, I urge you to recognize the proven benefits that water fluoridation provides to our community.

Fluoride has been shown time and again to be a safe and effective way to prevent tooth decay. By strengthening tooth enamel, fluoride helps protect people of all ages from cavities. This is especially important for children, as developing good oral health early can prevent painful and costly dental problems later in life.

Water fluoridation is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve public health. It ensures that everyone in our community, regardless of their income or access to dental care, benefits from this simple yet powerful measure. Removing fluoride would risk increasing dental issues, particularly for those who may already struggle to afford dental treatment.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recognized water fluoridation as one of the greatest public health achievements of the 20th century. By maintaining our town's fluoridation program, we are continuing a proven practice that reduces dental costs and promotes healthier smiles across our community.

I respectfully ask that you continue to support this vital public health measure. Thank you for your time and for your dedication to the well-being of our town.

Sincerely,

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