Connecticut General Assembly - Public Health Committee

Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 5350 An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health’s Recommendations on Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply

Dear Senator Gerrantana, Representative Ritter, and members of the Public Health Committee:

As a citizen of CT, I am pleased to learn that the Public Health Committee has raised a bill to continue the requirement to add fluoride in public water supplies. This bill will optimize the community water fluoridation to the level recommended by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Please support HB 5350, An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health’s Recommendations on Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply.

Evidence has clearly shown that water fluoridation has significantly helped to prevent tooth decay among both children and adults, at very low cost. In my own case, although now a senior citizen, I can still recall having my first visit to the dentist when around 5 years old. Five cavities were identified, drilled, and filled - all without novocaine! Subsequently, students in my elementary school were offered “fluoridation treatments”. This, coupled with the subsequent MDC decision to implement water fluoridation, has had a dramatic impact - fewer than 5 additional dental carries in my life thereafter!

This is the 51st year of the passage of the statute that requires optimal levels of fluoride in community water in Connecticut. To further outline the significance of this measure, the CDC named community water fluoridation as one of the “Ten Great Public Health Achievements of the 20th Century”.

As a member of the Public Health Committee, I know you share my concern for oral health care measures that affect all of us as a community. I urge you to support this very important measure that will ensure healthier children and adults in our state. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me. Thank you for your time and your commitment to the health of all Connecticut citizens.

Sincerely,

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