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Councilor John Fillion
Chair, Toronto Board of Health
Floor 10, West Tower
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Re: Water Fluoridation for the City of Toronto

Dear Councilor Fillion:

It has been brought to our attention that the City of Toronto Board of Health is considering the removal of fluoride from the City water supply. The Ontario Society of Pediatric Dentists is a strong supporter of water fluoridation and would consider it a dental public health disaster if the City decided to remove fluoride from the drinking water.

The long and safe record of community water fluoridation and its beneficial effects upon dental health have been well documented. Community water fluoridation has been declared as one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th century.

The importance of water fluoridation for reduction of cavities in children from low-income families merits special mention. We believe that cessation of water fluoridation will be detrimental to those in most need; children from low-income families who already have limited access to care; including individuals with special need/disabilities.

**THE ONTARIO SOCIETY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTS STRONGLY
ENCOURAGES THE CITY OF TORONTO TO CONTINUE WITH CITY WATER
FLUORIDATION IN LIEU OF ALL THE SCIENTIFIC DATA THAT SUPPORTS
ITS TREMENDOUS BENEFITS AND NEGLIBLE SIDE EFFECTS.**

Members of the Board of Health and City Council are welcome to contact us directly if they desire more detailed information regarding this very important oral health issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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