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Subject: Fwd: LETTER FROM TARAS NATYSHAK RE: WATER FLUORIDATION

Dear Members of Flouride Free Windsor,

I write today to offer my support to those Essex County residents and groups working to improve the safety of our drinking water supply and waste water returning to the environment.

I understand that hydrofluorosilicic acid is added to the drinking water supply as a means to prevent tooth decay; essentially as a medicine for the treatment of the disease dental caries. As this medication is administered via the drinking water supply, individuals are not being given the right to refuse this medical intervention and therefore are being medicated without consent.

The province has dental health programs that provide fluoride treatments and dental health care to children and individuals that do not have dental coverage or the income to afford regular dental health care. It would be prudent that fluoride be administered by a health care professional licensed to handle this chemical. Stopping water fluoridation could save the municipalities the cost of buying the chemicals as well as the additional costs associated with handling hydrofluorosilicic acid.

As you may be aware, all of Essex County has either always been fluoridation free or has recently made the decision to become fluoridation free. Lakeshore council voted to cease late last year, Amherstburg voted to cease earlier this year as well as Tecumseh. This clearly represents a marked shift towards a fluoridation free county, offering safer water for drinking and safer effluent to return to the environment.

I have reviewed information about water fluoridation from various sources and am satisfied that erring on the side of precaution would be in the best interest of our community.

I therefore support your initiative to eliminate mandatory fluoridation of municipal water and would advocate that our partners at all levels of government consider the elimination of this program as a net benefit to our communities.

Sincerely,

Taras Natyshak