From: Witkowski, Terry

Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2012 5:08 PM

To: Black, Tobie

Subject: FW: water fluoride

Please send a hearing notice

From: toothmedic@aol.com [mailto:toothmedic@aol.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2012 1:36 PM

To: Witkowski, Terry Subject: water fluoride

Dear Mr. Witkowski,

Next week a measure introduced by Alderman Jim Bohl on the removal of fluoride from the community water system is going to be discussed. I cannot say enough this effort if very misguided and will cost the city of Milwaukee and it's residents increased health care costs cause more dental health problems

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calls community water fluoridation one of the greatest health advancements of the 20th century. Studies show that for every \$1 invested in community water fluoridation saves \$38 in dental treatment costs. There are studies that show decay in kids and young adults can be reduced by 30-50%.

I am a T19 provider and see many children from the city of Milwaukee and I can tell you decay is prevalent now and if you remove the fluoride from the community water system I may have to get off the system as I truly think the system will be overloaded with an increased amount of cavities. I would rather see you try to pass measures that will educate both parents and children on the hazards of junk foods and drinks that we also face today.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter

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