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State of Wisconsin

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Milwaukee Common Council City Hall Milwaukee, WI

Dear Alderman:

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), our nations oldest and largest Hispanic membership based organization, I would like to thank you for reviewing the issue of drinking water fluoridation.

Since the late 1950s, it was generally accepted the municipal water fluoridation provided tremendous benefits to long term dental health. For this reason, without thorough testing, many states and countries implemented this practice with the of intentions. There was also a superficial correlation between water fluoridation and the improvement in dental health. However, in recent years many experts now believe the reason for this improvement is attributed to the wide spread availability of toothpaste with fluoride in the same period, as everyone, including dental experts agree fluoride is most effective when topically applied and not ingested.

Today, countless studies are now calling into question the benefits of fluoridation, and more importantly, a growing amount of data now suggests a link between increased general health risks and overexposure to fluoride.

As many in the Hispanic community rely on public drinking water to be safe, and as many have no economically feasible option to access non-fluoridated water, the issue of water fluoridation becomes one of forced medication, as well as one that may introduce potential health risks.

For this reason, the LULAC National Assembly adopted the following resolution regarding water fluoridation.

Thank you once again for your serious review of this important issue.

In shared commitment to the youth of Milwaukee,

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