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Subject: Fluoride in Milwaukee water follow up

Importance: High

Dear members of the Milwaukee Common Council Steering and Rules Committee:

I'm writing first to thank you for the opportunity to present both written and oral testimony at the hearing last week. We appreciate your attention to this issue and the fact that nearly 8 hours of testimony was heard shows that this is a complicated issue. You had asked that I follow up with you regarding a couple of points in my testimony and so I'm doing this with a series of three emails. This first one has three links to documents (too large to send via e-mail) that address many of the inaccurate/incomplete statements made in the early presentations by Dr. Connett and his team. Many of you had repeatedly asked for the documentation refuting the claims that were made surrounding ineffectiveness in addressing dental disease as well as the claims that were made linking fluoride to various health issues (i.e. osteosarcoma, IQ, kidney disease, thyroid disease, etc). These documents clearly address all of the above.

The first document (ADA Fluoride Facts) addresses claims one by one and the table to contents really does a great job of listing an issue and then the short narrative on the corresponding page explains why the myths presented are not accurate (or are at times presented only partially) and have several sources to reference the claims made. I'm working on getting you all a hard copy of this document from the ADA as you can currently only read in online (see below) and I only have one hard copy of it left.

The second document (The Science of Fluoride) was created to give you the WHOLE truth about fluoride, its risks and its history. This document lays out the entire argument and not just those facts that benefit one side or the other on this debate. The NRC report is referenced quite a bit in this document as well which was discussed at length in the hearing last week. The quotes are verbatim and at length so this document is quite long so I've provided you with a link (see below).

Finally I'm going to send you a link (see below) to the myth vs. facts sheet that I referenced in my testimony. This was provided to you in the packet we distributed to you in our meetings with you or sent to you if we didn't get a chance to meet with you in advance on this issue.

I think you'll find this information to be enlightening and balanced and clearly presents the issues in their entirety. The other e-mails you'll receive from me will address the issue of the FDA's approval of fluoridated bottled water and the water quality report from Albuquerque, New Mexico that I discussed in my testimony on Thursday.

Again as mentioned we are in support of the new proposed lowering of fluoride levels to 0.7ppm and would be happy to provide any additional information on this issue in the future to you or the entire

Common Council. I hope that these follow up e-mail address your concerns and answer all you questions on this issue. Please contact me if you have further questions.

I'm asking that all the information in the three e-mails I'm sending be added to the record for consideration and follow up. Thank you.

-Matt

Follow up links:

- 1) ADA Fluoride Facts: http://www.ada.org/sections/newsAndEvents/pdfs/fluoridation_facts.pdf
- 2) Science of Fluoride: <http://www.fluoridescience.org/> or http://www.fluoridescience.org/media/Flouride-Booklet-Generic-forDL_v1c.pdf
- 3) Myth vs. Facts Information: <http://www.ilikemyteeth.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Fluoride-Myths-Facts.pdf> taken from <http://wohc.ilikemyteeth.org/>

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