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Subject: FW: Please Stop Adding Fluoride to the Town Water Supply

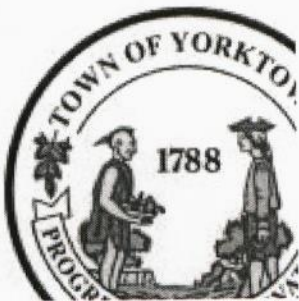
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I replied with the following:

Thank you for your comments. I would like to clarify that right now we are simply looking to change the law so that the town board can turn on or turn off the fluoride as necessary. The question of restarting at this time has not come up to a vote, but the majority of the town board has stated publicly that they are not inclined to do so based on the current information.

I made the decision on 9/26/24 to pause the use based on the Federal Law Suite against the EPA where fluoridating water was an "unreasonable risk" to children. My plan is to keep the fluoride out of the drinking water until the EPA complies with the courts. At that time, the sitting board of the town of Yorktown will need to make the decision as to fluoridate or not. We are also looking into ways to offer some types of fluoride supplements to those in need that would still like fluoride.

Ed Lachterman
Yorktown Town Supervisor



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, October 21, 2024 9:25 PM

To: Ed Lachterman <elachterman@yorktownny.org>

Subject: Please Stop Adding Fluoride to the Town Water Supply

Importance: High

To: Ed Lachterman

From: Monica Cole

Thank you for considering stopping the addition of fluoride in the town water. I am another member of the community **in favor of ending fluoridation** in the Yorktown and Somers water supply.

Simply stated, **I believe our town should protect medical freedom.** Fluoride is a drug that can cause negative side effects and should not be added to our water. There are easy ways to get fluoride if someone wishes to use the product. **Currently**, there are communities that **never** added fluoride to their water and communities **voting to stop** the practice due to the **health concerns** and their desire to **protect medical freedom.**

I know you are hearing presentations with information against adding fluoride to the town water. I would like to share that a **study out of England**, using 10 years (from years 2010 - 2020) worth of dental insurance records of **6.4 million adults**, has found essentially **no reduction in tooth decay for those living in fluoridated areas.** Here is the link to the article with links to the study included: <https://tottnews.com/2024/03/26/virtually-no-benefit-fluoridation/> The article includes this statement: **Fluoridation of water supplies will likely go down soon as one of the biggest medical deceptions of all time, as more information is publicly revealed that is finally set to end the farce once and for all.**

This second **article is about a North Carolina county that recently protected medical freedom and banned adding fluoride to their water supply.** <https://ncnewslines.com/2024/02/20/declaring-medical-freedom-this-north-carolina-county-just-banned-fluoride-in-its-water/> This excerpt sums up their thinking: **"Fluoride is added to the water to treat us, and I think that should give us pause."**

Williams said the benefits of fluoride are topical, and residents in favor of using it still had the option of buying toothpaste or mouthwash at their local grocery store.

"The elegant solution here is to embrace freedom," said Williams.

Vice Chairman Brian Helms said the issue was not a matter of whether fluoride was good or bad in preventing dental disease.

"The argument is if this board, the Union County Board of Commissioners, has the authority to put a medicine or a medical substance in our water without the consent of the residents," said Helms. "Do we have the the authority to do so? My opinion is that we do not."

Thank you for considering what I shared when you vote.