



Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Date

On behalf of the Wisconsin Oral Health Coalition (WOHC) and Children's Health Alliance of Wisconsin (Alliance), we are writing to express our support for community water fluoridation. The Alliance is Wisconsin's voice for children's health. We raise awareness, mobilize leaders, impact public health and implement programs proven to work. Our mission is to ensure Wisconsin children are healthy, safe and able to thrive. Oral health has been one of our key initiatives since 1994. We manage the WOHC, operate the statewide school-based sealant program and direct a parent oral health education program for children and pregnant women in Wisconsin Early Head Start programs.

Fluoridated water is the first line of defense against tooth decay for all Wisconsin residents. It is proven that when a community stops or never starts fluoridating, local residents spend more money on decay-related dental problems. Evidence shows that for most communities, every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves \$38 in unnecessary dental treatment costs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognize water fluoridation as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. There are more than 3,000 reputable studies consistently reaffirming that fluoridation of community water supplies is safe. To view the research, check out [FluorideScience.org](http://FluorideScience.org). Fluoride exists naturally in virtually all water supplies, and therefore it is not a question of choosing to get fluoride. Rather, the question is whether residents receive the optimal level that is documented to prevent tooth decay. WOHC adopted a resolution in 2004 in support of the continuation and expansion of community water fluoridation.

We hope to provide more information in advance of your meeting on \_\_\_\_\_. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa Ricketts".

Alyssa Ricketts  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Ordinans".

Karen Ordinans  
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