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JAMES A. BOHL, JR.
Alderman, 5th District

May 14, 2012

Dear Colleague;

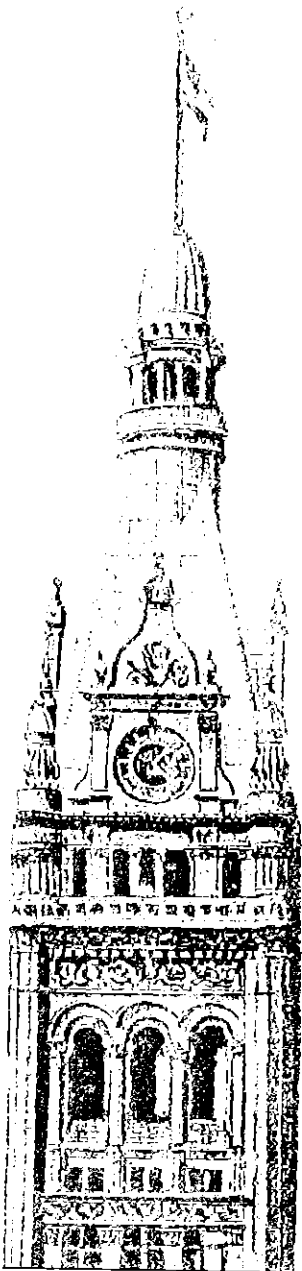
I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of legislation I am introducing before the Milwaukee Common Council which seeks the elimination of forced fluoridation of the city of Milwaukee's municipal water. A public hearing on this matter will take place at the Common Council's Steering and Rules Committee on Thursday, May 31st, at 1:30 p.m., at Milwaukee City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. You and representatives of your community are welcome to attend this hearing.

Fluoride has been added to Milwaukee water since 1953. In recent times this practice has come under increasing scrutiny as to the far-reaching impact of this practice upon the health of the body. Most industrialized nations in the world, as well as hundreds of communities in the U.S. and Canada that once followed this practice, are now ending it. I believe it is vital for our citizens to understand the true nature of fluoride as an industrial toxin and this legislation is being introduced in order to provide an opportunity to reconsider the wisdom of forced water fluoridation.

Enclosed please find a copy of the proposed resolution I am sponsoring. You can find a comprehensive report which contains a breadth of information and research studies about water fluoridation by visiting my milwaukee.gov site (<http://city.milwaukee.gov/district5>). If you have further questions on this legislation or the issue of water fluoridation in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at (414) 286-3870.

Sincerely,

Jim Bohl, Alderman
5th District
Milwaukee Common Council



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..Version

ORIGINAL

..Reference

..Sponsor

ALD. BOHL

..Title

Resolution ordering the immediate cessation and prohibition of the introduction of sodium silicofluoride or any fluoride compound into water distributed by the Milwaukee Water Works.

..Analysis

This resolution orders the Milwaukee Water Works to terminate and prohibit the introduction of sodium silicofluoride, or any fluoride compound, into water distributed by the Milwaukee Water Works.

..Body

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has now acknowledged the findings of many leading dental researchers that the mechanism of fluoride's main benefits are derived from surface application to teeth and not from ingestion; and

Whereas, Despite being prescribed by doctors for over 50 years, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has never approved any fluoride designed for ingestion as safe and effective; and

Whereas, Fluoride was not used for medical reasons but as a rat poison prior to 1938; and

Whereas, Fluoride is a cumulative poison, and 50% of the fluoride ingested each day is excreted through the kidneys and the remainder accumulates in bones, pineal gland and other tissues; and

Whereas, If the kidney is damaged, fluoride accumulation in a body will increase; and

Whereas, Growing evidence links fluoridated water with increased lead uptake; and

Whereas, Fluorosilicic acids bind with lead, leaching high levels of soluble lead from lead water pipes, delivering a compounded dose of toxic lead with toxic fluoride to Milwaukee water drinkers; and

Whereas, Once fluoride is put in the water supply it is impossible to control each dose an individual receives as fluoride is found in sources other than the water supply; and

Whereas, Other sources of fluoride include food and beverages processed with fluoridated water, fluoridated dental products, mechanically deboned meat, teas and pesticide residue on food; and

Whereas, A comparison of results from 24 studies of un-fluoridated districts in 8 countries revealed the reduction in dental caries are just as great in non-fluoridated areas as fluoridated; and

Whereas, The chemicals used to fluoridate water in the United States are not pharmaceutical-grade but instead come from wet scrubbing systems of the super-phosphate fertilizer industry; and

Whereas, These chemicals are classified as hazardous wastes contaminated with various impurities as recent testing by the National Sanitation Foundation suggested that the levels of arsenic in these chemicals are relatively high; and

Whereas, In 1953, the Common Council voted to add fluoride to the water supply at a time when Milwaukee had a serious problem of tooth decay and fluoridated tooth pastes, gels or mouthwash were not readily available, as they are today; and

Whereas, Some of the earliest opponents of fluoridation were biochemists, and at least 14 Nobel Prize winners are among numerous scientists who have expressed their reservations about the practice of fluoridation; and

Whereas, The American Dental Association and a number of dental researchers recommend that children under 12 months of age should not consume fluoridated water and that babies under 6 months of age should not receive any fluoride drops or pills due to an increased risk of dental fluorosis, a sign of overexposure to fluoride, and a lack of demonstrable benefit from ingesting fluoride before teeth erupt; and

Whereas, In January 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that 41% of adolescents in the United States have dental fluorosis; and

Whereas, Children are being over-exposed to fluoride with the highest doses going to bottle-fed babies as infant formula is used with fluoridated tap water; and

Whereas, Minorities are more likely to use infant formula with fluoridated tap water, resulting in minority children ingesting significantly more fluorides and having higher rates of dental fluorosis; and

Whereas, Andrew Young, Alveda and Bernice King, Rev. W. Owens of the Coalition of African American Pastors, and League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) are among the growing number of fluoride opponents; and

Whereas, Fluoridation is unethical as individuals are not asked for their informed consent prior to medication, as is standard practice for the administration of all other medications; and

Whereas, Only through the total removal of all fluoridation from Milwaukee's public water supply can all residents be protected from the possible adverse health effects; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, in its continuing effort to promote the health, safety and welfare of all, orders the immediate cessation and prohibition of the introduction of sodium silicofluoride, or any fluoride compound, into water distributed by the Milwaukee Water Works.

..Requestor

..Drafter
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Amy E. Hefter
2/23/2012

