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October 23, 2012

Mr. Emil Kolb
Regional Chair
Region of Peel
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Dear Chairman Kolb and Region of Peel Councillors:

On behalf of my colleagues with the Halton-Peel Dental Association and myself, I would like to thank you for recognizing the great benefits that continuing to fluoridate the community water supply has to the residents of the Region.

Fluoride in drinking water is safe, effective and an economical means of preventing tooth decay. Recognized as one of the 10 great public health achievements of the twentieth century, more than 90 national and international health organizations endorse the use of fluoride at recommended levels.

Fluoride is a cost-effective means to equalize the oral health across different socio-economic demographics. Numerous independent studies from around the world confirm the benefits and safety of public water fluoridation. It is important to note the overwhelming evidence of the safety and benefits of water fluoridation and the strong support it has from the scientific community and international health organizations.

Health Canada's website states officials "support water fluoridation as a public health measure to prevent dental decay," and that "the big advantage of water fluoridation is that it benefits all residents in a community regardless of age, socioeconomic status, education or employment."

The cost of water fluoridation is far less than the cost of remedying the effects of its absence in a community. The American Dental Association estimates that every dollar invested in water fluoridation saves 38 dollars in dental costs.

Seventy percent of the population in Ontario currently has fluoridated water. In none of these regions have there been proven health, water quality or public safety issues with respect to the addition of acceptable levels of fluoride in public drinking water.

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To: Mr. Emil Kolb
Re: Community Water Fluoridation
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Since community water fluoridation began in 1945, it has, and continues to be studied in Canada and around the world. The results prove it is safe, effective and cost-efficient. Supporting water fluoridation is one more way to promote better health-care for everyone in your community.

Sincerely,



Dr. Anil Bhalla
President, Halton-Peel Dental Association

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