

February 27, 2017

Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of our 161,000 members, we applaud your agency for the sound rationale it applied in denying a recent petition to ban the addition of fluoride to water. We commend your diligence in finding that the petitioners did not present a sufficient scientific basis to undermine 70 years of research supporting the safety and effectiveness of community water fluoridation.*

Public policy should be guided by the preponderance of credible scientific evidence—carefully analyzed and applied to the facts. By following this method, EPA resisted the public pressure some advocates sought to apply against it while still respectfully addressing the concerns and claims of all those who submitted comments.

Again, we commend your agency for the sound rationale it applied in denying the recent petition. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robert J. Burns at 202-789-5176 or burnsr@ada.org, or Ms. Jane McGinley at 312-440-2862 or mcginleyj@ada.org.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gary L. Roberts, D.D.S.
President

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/s/

Kathleen T. O'Loughlin, D.M.D., M.P.H.
Executive Director

* 82 FR 11878 (February 27, 2017).