

July 16, 2014

Re: Community Water Fluoridation (CWF) discussion

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Associated Pediatricians to express our support of Community Water Fluoridation (CWF). Associated Pediatricians has been a part of the Valparaiso Community for more than 45 years. Based on strong research evidence, CWF and fluoride toothpaste remain the most effective tools to promote optimal oral health for US children and adults. Research validates that removing fluoride from our water would adversely affect our children as well as any persons in the lower socioeconomic status. Removing fluoride simply is wrong.

I have attached a timely evidence based summary article published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, in their review journal, *Pediatrics In Review*, from January 2014. It discusses in great detail all of the concerns persons with the "anti-fluoride" views have discussed, and I believe you will find this information useful in supporting what is best for our community-  
CONTINUE COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION.

I would encourage you to freely distribute this information to all persons who are involved in this discussion and decisions. If you require any further information from me, feel free to reach me at my Valparaiso office: 219-462-0555.

Sincerely,



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