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Dear Mayor Rector, Councilmembers Cotton, Mannino, Albritton, and Teixeira, and City Manager Poirrier,

I write in favor of retaining water fluoridation in Clearwater. I practiced pediatric dentistry in Palm Harbor from 1983 to 2009, when I had to retire clinically due to a tragic bicycle accident. During my time there, I took care of countless children and young adults from Clearwater. What happens in Clearwater is very personal to me, so I am taking this moment to share scientific information with you on fluoridation.

When Pinellas County's Board of County Commissioners voted to end water fluoridation in 2011, I heard a calling to become involved in getting it reinstated. By a vote of 4-3, over 700,000 residents were robbed of this cavity-fighting mineral. Having grown up without means and never having seen a dentist regularly until I was 15 years old, I knew what it was like to have a mouth full of cavities. I could not sit idly by and allow a group of vocal opponents of fluoridation harm the children, and now adults, of my county with their scaremongering and fear invoking tactics. What you are hearing now is exactly what was being used back then. I could share the 55-page document that I created back then with you, which refuted the claims that were used, and you would recognize it as almost identical to what you are hearing now.

Thankfully, we were successful in having fluoridation returned 15 months after it ended. Three county commissioners lost their jobs over their poor decision to end fluoridation. But, our families who had been robbed of basic public health prevention were once again benefitting from it.

Dr. Dan Mullett, a colleague and dear friend, will be attending your session today to discuss the topic of fluoridation. I will be in Miami to address their county commission on fluoridation on Tuesday. Drs. Ladapo and Malin had addressed the Miami-Dade Safety and Health Commission a few weeks ago at the request of the chair. They presented their reasons for wanting to end fluoridation. At the close of their presentation, some of the other commissioners remarked that they'd only heard from one side of the discussion on fluoridation. No other experts were invited to speak. They wanted to have a subject matter expert to present to them. I was contacted and agreed to go there to present the remaining science that they had not yet heard.

I have attached a document to share with you that addresses the information that you will hear presented by Drs. Ladapo and Malin, along with a fraction of articles and studies which demonstrate that water fluoridation is effective in reducing cavities for all, regardless of age, income, or access to dental care. The studies I provide

focus solely on the safety of fluoridation. High-quality research continues to demonstrate the safety of water fluoridation in the U.S and worldwide. Leading medical and scientific organizations worldwide continue to support fluoridation. Not a single credibly recognized medical or scientific organization in the world opposes fluoridation. Not one.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Mullett with any questions that you may have. I ask that you continue to fluoridate your water for the health, safety, and well-being of all of your residents.

Warm regards,



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