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Dental Health Services

Dr. Robert Mecklenberg
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Dear Doctor Mecklenberg:

On Tuesday, April 20, the Council on Dental Health and Health Planning discussed the draft statement that you presented on the previous day regarding fluoride and dental fluorosis. The Council is supportive of the effort to prepare a consensus statement on this issue and generally agrees with the information contained in the draft they reviewed.

However, as you are aware, the Council and the Association are opposed to the establishment of a legal upper limit of allowable fluoride in a water supply. The Council likewise is opposed to the listing of fluoride as a primary contaminant because, as pointed out in the Public Health Service draft statement, the concentrations of fluoride found naturally in the United States do not constitute a hazard to health. Therefore, the Council voted to accept the draft conceptually, but reserved endorsement until it has reviewed the final document and will quite possibly qualify any endorsement to reflect current policy in the matter.

Sincerely,

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