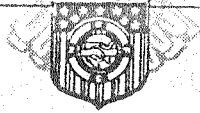


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Mr. Ralph Nader
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Dear Mr. Nader,

As requested by your secretary, I have enclosed all of the recent letters that were sent by NFFE to various officials at EPA voicing our concern about the lack of a scientific basis for the new fluoride in drinking water standard. The facts are really shocking. I have been a professional at EPA for 14 years and have never seen such a blatantly political act as the decision to raise the allowable level of fluoride in drinking water. As you can see from the letters, top management at EPA has actually set a level that they know will poison people.

We know there is also a cover up at the Public Health Service. The Surgeon General sent a report to EPA supporting the new 4 mg/l standard. He claims it represents the findings of an ad hoc panel of experts. We have the entire transcript (400 pages) of the meeting upon which the report was based and the first draft of the summary of the meeting. The final report completely contradicts the first draft. There is no record of anyone changing their testimony or of a followup meeting where opinions were changed.

I would very much like to meet with you to complete the picture on this enormous coverup and, frankly, to ask for your assistance. Please let me know when you have time to discuss the subject.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Carton, Ph.D.
President-Elect
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