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I write in support of HB819 on behalf of the Missouri Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. As a pediatric dentist that sees children on medicaid and private insurance I see children every day with severe dental decay. One of the primary tools we have for preventing dental disease is public water fluoridation. I am thrilled about this bill as it will serve the important purpose of putting high quality public health information at the forefront of public discourse around decisions related to the health and well being of the children and families of our communities. My hope is that this bill will help increase transparency and improve the public health. Thank you for your serious and thoughtful consideration.



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I support HB 819 filed by Rep. Wallingford because it will keep community decision makers informed with reliable information from the local public health department regarding community water fluoridation should that community decide to add or stop water fluoridation. This bill supports oral health. Thank you.



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I am in Support of this Bill and Reporting and Changes to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources



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February 18, 2021 To: House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee @ The Honorable Mike Stephens, Chairman Re: Written Testimony HB 819 (Sponsored by Rep. Wayne Wallingford) I am writing to express support for HB 819 that will promote that local health experts be brought into any conversation when an entity such as a water board, city council or county commission needs to make a decision regarding modifications of fluoride in a water system. There have been communities in which the continuation of water fluoridation has been in question due to a need for new equipment or due to lack of understanding of the great oral health benefits of community water fluoridation. Often testimony given at hearing has been flat-out wrong. This bill will ensure that proper information is given to decision-makers. Water fluoridation has been around over 75 years and has been proven safe, cost-effective and of great value in reducing tooth decay in both children and adults. Science supports it! See: <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth/pdf/fluoridationmap.pdf> and https://www.oralhealthmissouri.org/docmcoh/Fluoridation/2013_MCOH_waterfluoride_toolkit_color_lowres.pdf As a licensed dental hygienist, I see the benefits of water fluoridation in reducing tooth decay and in re-mineralizing beginning (incipient) decay. I hope you all, as elected representatives, will please pass this bill out of committee because it helps ALL Missourians. Thank you. Sincerely, Diann Bomkamp, RDH, BSDH, CDHC dbomkamp@sbcglobal.net 314-484-6121 cell



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THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo. I strongly support the passing of HB 819.			



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I urge you to vote yes on HB 819. Fluoride in the water is the best public health option to prevent dental decay and save teeth in our communities. It is safe and proven to be very effective. If any community considers removing fluoride from their water supply, they need to be well informed with evidence based, scientific information. With all of the misinformation in the world these days, this is very important.



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The Missouri Coalition for Oral Health strongly supports this bill. This bill will ensure that local decision-makers use information provided by the local county health department in examining the impact on the public if adjustment of fluoride (a naturally occurring mineral) is being considered. This bill will support local decision-making processes.



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Community water fluoridation provides a large benefit to the public health of all citizens. It is especially important for those in areas with limited access to dentists, people coming from lower income families, and those who have poor homecare habits. The research supports these statements. With a large push to reduce the number of ER visits for tooth related problems, the state of MO should consider this to be an ally in that pursuit.



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Local health departments are the best resource for any local municipality or community to call on in case a change is suggested for an issue that affects the health of the entire population of that specific municipality or community. County health departments in Missouri are well-prepared to address public health issues that would possibly be included in a ballot issue such as water fluoridation. Including the requirement of involving the local health department will result in a better informed electorate.



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As a dental hygienist for almost 50 years it is important that those who decide on water fluoridation need to know the science and effect on children. The health departments are to protect the public.



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As a dental surgeon and dental anesthesiologist with the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, I regularly see patients for dental needs from disadvantaged populations. It is an established fact that fluoridation has long been shown to greatly benefit to public oral health. Without hesitation, I believe water fluoridation as it strongly favors established science and therefore support Mo. HB 819. Please contact me if you would like additional information. Thank you.



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As a Registered Dental Hygienist, an administrator for a non-profit dental clinic in Missouri, and a MO resident & mother, I fully support optimal water fluoridation as the most safe, cost-effective, and equitable way to prevent tooth decay across the lifespan. HB819 would guarantee that local decisionmakers have accurate, evidence-based, scientific information to guide their decisions around fluoridating public water systems.



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I have 36 years as a clinical dental hygienist and educator in Missouri. I join MCOH support of HB 819 because it will require local decision-making bodies (water board, city council, county commission, etc.) to get information from the local county health department on the impact of community water fluoridation adjustment to the optimal level to support oral health. If passed, gaining reliable information from the local county health department (local public health authority – the only local entity charged with protecting public health) will be required any time a locality is considering changes to fluoridation, including the discontinuation of community water fluoridation. MCOH believes this will help to ensure that reliable, science-based information is provided. This bill supports local decision-making.



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I support this bill.



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I'm a Registered Dental Hygienist living Sedalia and working in Warrensburg. I know that this topic was introduced last year and i support it again. The public needs to know the evidence based facts on the benefits of fluoride; not a person who is not a health or dental professional. I went on a dental mission trip to Guatemala last year and i saw devastation of what happens to teeth without fluoride in toothpaste and water. In conclusion i support HB 819.



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To: House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee Re: HB 819 (Sponsored by Rep. Wayne Wallingford)The Honorable Mike Stephens, ChairmanAs President of the Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association representing over 3300 dental hygienists in our state, I want to express our strong support for water fluoridation by citing our fluoridation policy: "MDHA supports community water fluoridation as a safe and effective method for reducing the incidence of dental caries throughout the human lifespan." Thus, we speak in favor of HB 819. Fluoride in our drinking water has been one of the most effective ways to prevent tooth decay in both adults and children. Just by drinking fluoridated water, tooth decay is decreased by at least 25% over a person's lifetime. We are very fortunate in our state to have 76.46% of our population on community water systems, over 4.03 million residents, benefitting from community water fluoridation at a very low cost to consumers. This includes approximately 171 Missouri water systems that adjust their fluoride levels to ensure that the water is optimally fluoridated. <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth/pdf/fluoridationmap.pdf>In addition, neither a person's age, income level, race, ethnicity, nor his/her ability to receive routine dental care is a barrier to receiving its health benefits. (2019 data-DHSS)Recently several local community leaders in Missouri have put the public's oral health at risk by threatening to remove fluoride from local community water supplies, which may, in fact, harm the community's oral and general health. MDHA supports having entities that are debating the addition or reduction of fluoride in their drinking water. have accurate, evidence-based, scientific information to guide their decisions around fluoridating public water systems. HB819 would guarantee that local decision-makers have this evidence-based, scientific information. It is important to consider the evidence-based research outlining the long-term benefits of water fluoridation rather than listening to pseudoscientific information that is not based on incredibly conducted, valid science. This information is available at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth/waterfluoridation.php>MDHA strongly supports this bill. As an elected representative, you help your residents with their teeth, oral health, and their bodies' health. Please pass this bill out of committee. Thank you. Lori Crawford, RDH, BSMDHA President



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For consideration for HB 819. This statement of support comes from a dental hygienist who has worked in a rural community without a fluoridated water supply. I have first hand knowledge with answering the questions and skepticism regarding fluoridated water. The population that depends on my expertise regarding their oral health is reliant on the analysis of data collected and interpreted by the experts that have overseen oral health for the measurable past. Just as I do not want a patient adhering to a homecare routine that they have learned about via a blog post, I likewise do not want the court of popular opinion and bias of "intuition", to obscure the work or knowledge of professionals tasked with maintaining public health. Let us refer to those who know when we know not. Ultimately for the communities best interest to be served, those that serve said community should be heard.



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As a public health dentist in our state I strongly support this bill. We should ensure the public is always educated and our local public health expert is being consulted regarding any change that will have an impact on health of the community. Water fluoridation is one of our best public health measures to improve the oral health of all individuals in the community and we should continue to use evidenced based science when making any decisions relating to water fluoridation.



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We would like to express our support for HB819 to require public water systems and supply districts seeking to start or stop fluoridation of their water supply to first seek and receive information from the local health department on the impacts of water fluoridation. Although it may seem trivial, the decision to fluoridate or not fluoridate a district's water supply has widespread impacts. Studies prove water fluoridation continues to be effective in reducing tooth decay by more than 25% in children and adults, even at a time when there is increased accessibility to fluoride through other sources such as toothpaste and mouthwash. Water fluoridation benefits everyone, especially those without regular access to dental care. It is the most cost effective means of preventing tooth decay – the cost of a lifetime of water fluoridation for one person is less than the cost of just one filling. The MDA supports community water fluoridation as a safe, effective, cost-saving method to prevent tooth decay. Because of its overwhelming benefits, we believe that a water supply district's decision to terminate water fluoridation should not be taken lightly, and should only be made once all of the facts are known.



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Delta Dental of Missouri supports House Bill #819. Improving public water fluoridation aligns with our mission of improving oral health in the communities we serve. Community water fluoridation has been identified as the most cost-effective method of delivering fluoride to all, reducing tooth decay by 25% in children and adults. (cdc.gov/fluoridation/basics). This bill would increase transparency and help ensure that reliable information is provided to communities as they consider making water fluoridation changes.



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I am submitting my support for MO HB 819. I understand this bill will assist and provide communities the benefits of preventive oral health.