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Dear Mr. Deal:

Thank you for your November 26 letter to the Snohomish Health District Board of Health. You raised concerns about fluoridation of public water systems.

As you know, the Board of Health has considered the issue over the past 20 years, most recently at the meeting of the Program & Policy Committee on August 23, 2012, and again at the meeting of the full Board on October 8, 2012. At both meetings, the Health Officer (Dr. Gary Goldbaum) summarized the preponderance of evidence supporting fluoridation. Subsequently, at the October 8 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to endorse fluoridation as an effective public health strategy to reduce dental caries.

The Board does not believe that there is reason to further reconsider its decision at this time. The Board will reconsider its position only if new scientific evidence leads to changes in national recommendations about fluoridation.

Sincerely,

Dave Somers, Chair
Snohomish Health District Board of Health