

February 5, 1997

Senator Tim Hutchinson
Representative Asa Hutchinson
Washington, DC

Subject: Effects of Fluoride on the Central Nervous System and Children's I.Q.

Dear Tim and Asa,

A friend of mine recently shared with me a video of "The Clark University Scientific Fluoride Forum" in Worcester, MA on October 24, 1996. A copy of this video is enclosed for your awareness.

I learned from it that a study by Dr. Phyllis Mullenix, published in Neurotoxicology and Teratology in 1995, revealed **Fluoride accumulates in the Brain of rats treated with Sodium Fluoride and caused sex and dose-specific behavioral deficits with a common pattern.** A copy of Dr. Mullenix's paper "Neurotoxicity of Sodium Fluoride in Rats" is enclosed for your awareness.

I also learned that a high Fluoride intake was associated with a lowering of I.Q. in children of the Guizhou Province of China. There was an approximate **5-19 I.Q. point decrease** for the children from ages 8 to 13 living in the severe Fluorosis area compared to the Non-Fluorosis area. See pages 15 and 16 of enclosed Waste Not Report # 373 November 1996

It was also revealed that another study in China (Zhao et al) compared the I.Q. of children from the village of Sima, with an endemic level of Fluoride in the drinking water of 4.12 ppm with children of the village of Xinhua with a lower level of Fluoride in the drinking water of 0.91 ppm. They found a **6-12 I.Q. point decrease** in the children consuming high Fluoride levels in the drinking water compared to children consuming low Fluoride levels in their drinking water. See page 17 of Waste Not Report # 373.

What I found most shocking and appalling, was learning from Dr. Phyllis Mullenix that the **U.S. Government knew about the potential for Fluoride's impact on the Central Nervous System as early as 1944 during the Manhattan Project.**

One must ask:

1. Why did our Government fail to inform the American people of the harmful effects of Fluoride on the Central Nervous System in 1944 ?
2. Why has this information been withheld from the American people for more than 50 years ?
3. Why has the Federal Government continued to provide funding to the States to support Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies knowing Fluoride's impact on the Central Nervous System ?
4. **Could this be another reason the people's trust in Government is decreasing ?**

In the President's State of the Union Message, President Clinton placed Education as his highest priority. **I wonder if our President knows that the Federal Government is providing funding to the States to support funding for a project (Fluoridation of Public Water) which lowers the I.Q. of Children and affects the Central Nervous System. I ask you to inform him.**

Maybe it's time this funding be used to support Education and stop being used to decrease the I.Q. of our children .

The current evidence is overwhelming that Water Fluoridation can no longer be considered safe. To allow funding for this experiment to continue on the residents of Arkansas you serve, as well as the other states, while the evidence mounts that the practice you have authority over is causing health effects, even death, is unconscionable.

I urge each of you to use whatever means is at your disposal to immediately halt Federal Funding to the States which supports Fluoridation of our Public Water Supplies . I also urge you to have the Federal Government publicly inform the American People of what was known about the potential harmful effects of Fluoride on the Central Nervous System as early as 1944 during the Manhattan Project.

I pray that you Senator Tim Hutchinson and you Representative Asa Hutchinson will be guided by the Divinity within you to do what is best for the people you serve. God Bless You Both !

Sincerely,



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Neurotoxicity of Sodium Fluoride in Rats by Dr. Phyllis Mullenix et al
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