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**Subject:** American Academy of Pediatrics Support for Community Water Fluoridation

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

I am contacting you at the request of local health professionals regarding your upcoming consideration of community water fluoridation in Lebanon, Oregon.

The American Academy of Pediatrics supports community water fluoridation as a cost-effective means of preventing tooth decay throughout the lifespan and joins with other major medical and health organizations in advocating for this common-sense public health policy.

Many people don't realize that tooth decay, although preventable, is the most common chronic childhood disease, 5 times more common than asthma. All too often, it leads to countless hours out of school and work, needless pain and suffering, and costly visits to the emergency room.

We support community water fluoridation because it is backed by a solid base of scientific evidence and over 70 years of practice and because it is safe and effective.

Attached you will find our letter of support. We invite you to visit our website, [ILikeMyTeeth.org](http://ILikeMyTeeth.org), for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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