

On the last six years, I have worked with youth, who for the most part are living in ~~poor~~ less than ideal situations. Socially and economically challenged homes
My experiences in the last six years have taught me that youth that are affected by poverty need all the support they can get. If keeping fluoride in our water system provides them some protection against dental issues, then we should not take the fluoride from our system.

I have worked with youth, both male and female, from the ages of 12 through 20. 99% of this population lacks dental care, due to financial issues. A lot of these youth are homeless. They do not access subsidized dental care, because they have no knowledge of programs available. Unfortunately, ~~it is not until they find themselves in detention, that they can have their dental needs met. This is only a small population of our youth. And not all receive dental care while in detention.~~

over the basics such as tooth paste tooth brushes is a luxury

It is proven, that good dental care leads to good health. In the long run, we are preventing what could be significant health issues, by providing good dental care. It is my belief, that the financial strain on the health care system due to the long-term effects of poor dental care will far outweigh the cost of continuing the fluoride program.

Any form of preventative measures, we can provide our youth can only be a benefit.

So, keep the fluoride in our water, if it helps support our population.

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