

Dear Council,

My parents (79 and 83) have been buying bottled water (large economical size for water dispenser) using their pensions, and my father's London Free Press paper route - because they don't want fluoride in their water. Recently they've had some health issues that landed them both in the hospital at different times.

My dad has been on a liquid diet for several weeks (everything fluoridated), and has just gotten back to introducing solid food. He had to take a 6-8 week leave from his paper route - although he's hoping he can get back to it sooner. They are no longer in a position where they can afford to purchase water, and my dad currently doesn't have the strength to put it on the dispenser even if they could afford it.

How many elderly people are in this position where they do not have a choice but to use tap water for water, soup, tea, coffee and almost everything they ingest. You do not have their consent to add this untested chemical treatment to the water for the purpose of addressing dental issues (or anything else).

On their behalf, and for those who are living on month to month poverty level income, it is time to stop this practice. They cannot afford to purchase fluoride free water, but they can afford toothpaste.

Thank you,

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