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Dear Members of the Civic Works Committee,

On behalf of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, the regulatory body mandated by provincial law to regulate the dental profession in the interests of public safety and protection, I wish to express our strong support for the fluoridation of the municipal water supply in the City of London.

Sixty-five years since the introduction of water fluoridation in Canada, it continues to be the most cost-effective and equitable strategy for the prevention of dental caries, the most prevalent infectious disease and the most common cause of tooth loss in humans.

The use of fluoridation as a therapeutic treatment continues to be supported provincially, nationally and internationally as a safe and powerful strategy to eliminate differences in health among people.

Water fluoridation has been studied extensively and is endorsed by major reputable and trustworthy scientific and government bodies, including Health Canada, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

As the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state: A significant advantage of water fluoridation is that all residents of a community can enjoy its protective benefit—at home, work, school, or play—simply by drinking fluoridated water or beverages and

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foods prepared with it. A person's income level or ability to receive routine dental care is not a barrier to receiving fluoridation's health benefits.

I have attached the College's Policy Statement in support of fluoridation. Our support for fluoridation continues today.

We hope that the City of London will support this vitally important and cost-effective public health measure.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Flavio Turchet', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Flavio Turchet
President

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