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Mr. R. Fulton  
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Dear Mr. Fulton:

In acknowledgment of your letter of May 10, 1962, of the American Medical Association I am attaching a copy of the "AMA Policy Statement: Fluoridation of Public Supplies."

You will notice that this Association endorses the principle of fluoridation of public water supplies to reduce the incidence of dental caries; it does not become involved in endorsement of fluoridation of water supplies of specific cities.

The American Medical Association is not prepared to state that "no harm will be done to any person by water fluoridation."

The American Medical Association has not carried out any research work, either long-term or short-term, regarding the possibility of any side effects.

Sincerely yours,



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AMA states no studies done to determine any negative effects.

AMA "not prepared" to state fluoride is safe.