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To: Cmte HHS
Subject: Please Vote ONTP on LD 1570 and Protect Community Water Fluoridation

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Dear Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I'm writing as a community member and a Maine registered Dental Hygienist to urge you to vote **Ought Not to Pass (ONTP) on LD 1570: An Act To Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply.**

I have been in the dental profession for 43 years and a practicing Dental Hygienist for more than 30. In that time I was witness to more and more municipalities starting to fluoridate their water supply with amazing results. The incidence of dental caries has dramatically dropped. I also have experienced parents that did not have fluoridated water trying to give their children fluoride drops with varying degrees of success. They often gave too much and their children's developing teeth were affected by fluorosis. The correct level in a water supply would prevent this.

Community water fluoridation is one of the most effective public health measures of the last century. It prevents tooth decay, reduces health disparities, and saves money—about **\$20 in dental costs for every \$1 invested according to the CDC**. Adjusting fluoride levels in water to support oral health is safe, thoroughly studied, and endorsed by every major public health and medical organization.

Children, especially those in low-income families, benefit the most. Fluoridation helps keep kids in school and out of pain by preventing the number one chronic disease of childhood: tooth decay.

Please support Maine's long-standing commitment to oral health, and the work of this committee over the past several legislative sessions, and vote **ONTP on LD 1570**.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
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