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To: Cmte HHS; Kuhn, Amy; Pierce, Teresa
Subject: Please Vote ONTP on LD 1570 and Protect Community Water Fluoridation

This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Senator Pierce, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee, I'm writing as a concerned resident and a Maine school nurse to urge you to vote **Ought Not to Pass (ONTP)** on **LD 1570: An Act To Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply**.

It is imperative that the state of Maine continue to base public health interventions on trusted science and experts in the field. Decisions must not be impacted by political noise and misinformation. The American Dental Association supports public water fluoridation. Calgary is in the process of reintroducing fluoride to their water supply after the removal was found to have a negative impact on children's oral health.

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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