

**Lasorsa, Megan**

---

**From:** Dr. Meredith Davis <mdavis@CCMAINE.ORG>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2025 1:04 PM  
**To:** Cmte HHS  
**Subject:** Please vote ONTP on LD 1570 and protect community water fluoridation  
  
**Importance:** High

**This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.**

Dear Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I'm writing as a public health dentist and parent to urge you to vote **Ought Not to Pass (ONTP)** on **LD 1570: An Act To Prohibit Fluoridation of the Public Water Supply**.

Community water fluoridation has been shown to decrease decay prevalence by 30%. In a state with one of the lowest dental IQs in the nation this percentage is huge. Taking fluoride out of the water will make dental needs sky rocket in a population that is already vastly underserved – the lowest income Mainers

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,  
Meredith Davis, DMD  
Bath, ME  
General dentist and parent