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To PA City Council regarding Item H on the Council's December 5, 2017 Meeting Agenda:

The Resolution (H-4 and H-5 in the Council packet) adhering to the outcome of the citizen advisory vote to stop municipal water fluoridation as proposed tonight by your manager and staff deserves your full support. We appreciate and thank the Council for suspension of fluoridation in August of 2016 and their wisdom in providing a pledge to honor the voted will of the citizens. It is time to restore harmony.

Careful reasoning in the detailed "Whereas" paragraphs make it unlikely that any future Council will want to reconsider the fluoridation issue for a very long time.

This Resolution is clear and effective and it provides an immediate remedy to the unrest we have lived with for over two years. Pass this Resolution tonight and we are done, long term done. Christmas comes early. We can all get on with our lives.

With passage of this Resolution, and with fluoridation stopped, no one gets stuck with previously unrecognized consumer costs of fluoridation such as house water filters and costly veneers to cover up fluorosis.

With fluoridation stopped, those who want fluoride can get it from their toothpaste.

At the City Council meeting on July 17 of last year, Mayor Downie asked, "How can we as a community hit the reset button to bring down the animosity?" Today's Resolution provides the remedy.

Attachment: World Health Organization (WHO) data showing similar declines in tooth decay disease for fluoridated and non-fluoridated countries from Fluoride Action Network.