## SB 460: An Act instituting a ban on fluoride supplementation of public water supplies



Sponsored by Sen. John Cronin (By citizen request) | Currently before the Joint Committee on Environment & Natural Resources (as of August 1, 2023)

## About the Bill

The bill would institute a ban on fluoride supplementation of public water supplies.

## Why We're Opposing

Supplementing public water supplies with fluoride provides significant benefits for oral and overall health, especially for children. Fluoridation is cost-effective, promotes equal access to oral health, and has been proven to be not only safe but incredibly beneficial;

Fluoride supplementation of public water supplies has been proven to be a safe and effective method for promoting dental health. Fluoride helps prevent tooth decay and cavities, particularly in children and vulnerable populations who may not have access to regular dental care;

Banning fluoride supplementation could lead to an increase in dental issues and compromise the community's oral health of the community. Additionally, removing fluoride from public water supplies could lead to increased dental care costs for both individuals and the healthcare system;

Fluoridation of public water supplies is supported by extensive research and has been recognized as one of the top public health achievements of the 20th century by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We believe that opposing the bill is crucial to maintaining evidence-based public health practices that benefit the entire population through a cost-effective public health intervention;

Fluoridation of public water supplies is supported by leading health organizations, including the American Dental Association (ADA), the World Health Organization (WHO), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). We stand with them to uphold the consensus among health professionals on the importance of fluoride for oral health.

