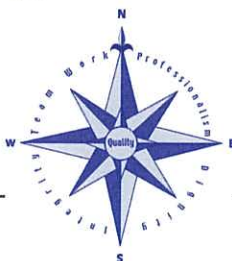


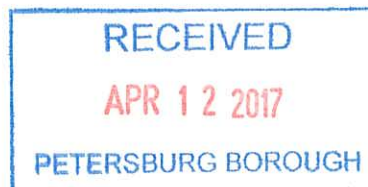
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To the City Manager and Assembly:

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This letter is written in support of continued fluoridation of the drinking water in Petersburg. There has been some recent opposition voiced to this continued practice. We, the medical staff, wish to support continued fluoridation of the water in the strongest possible terms. This practice has long been recognized as an effective public health tool. It has been recognized as one of the top 10 public health achievements, and the single most effective public health measure to prevent tooth decay and improve overall oral health over a lifetime. At present it is vigorously supported by innumerable organizations including, but not limited to, the American Dental Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Medical Association, and US Surgeon General. The science behind this practice is clear. It is extremely safe and cost efficient. It provides improved dental health regardless of socioeconomic status and/or access to care. Fluoridation of the water improves oral health and tooth decay in children and adults alike. We strongly recommend that fluoridation of the public water supply not be discontinued. We will gladly make ourselves available to answer any questions or concerns.

If you require any additional information please contact us at the address or phone number above at your convenience. As always thank you in advance for your rapid attention to this matter and concern for the health of this community.

Respectfully,

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