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Dear Members of The Kentucky General Assembly,

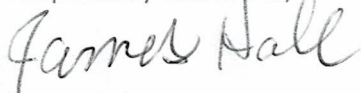
Fluoridation is the process of adding fluoride to drinking water as required in KRS 211.190 and 902 KAR 115:010. HB 141 changes this from being mandated statewide and puts the decision in the hands of local water producers and consumers.

Since this mandate was initially passed in 1954, extensive research has been published by the American Medical Association, Harvard School of Public Health, and Mt. Sinia School of Medicine, among others, linking fluoride consumption to adverse health effects. These include neurotoxicity, renal system damage, thyroid dysfunction, bone disease, and tooth disease.

The addition of fluoride does nothing to improve the quality or safety of drinking water; it can be argued that it hurts the quality of drinking water by lowering pH in systems that use hydrofluorosilicic acid. Its use significantly increases safety hazards for our workers.

Many of our customers, your constituents, have expressed concern about fluoridation. Grayson County Water District respectfully urges you to support HB 141.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Chief Water Plant Operator