### Artificial Water Fluoridation Taxpayer Money Wasted

### Assumption #1: Drinking water is a cost-effective way to distribute fluoride

# For every \$100 spent by taxpayers \$99 is wasted ...



#### American Water Works Association

"We drink very little of our drinking water. Generally speaking, less than 1% of the treated water produced by water utilities is actually consumed. The rest goes on lawns, in washing machines, and down toilets and drains."

> 99% of artificial fluoridation chemicals go:

- down the toilet,
- into the environment...

### **Assumption #2: Swallowing fluoride prevents cavities**

## For every \$100 spent by taxpayers \$100 is wasted ...

"The magnitude of [fluoridation's] effect is not large in absolute terms, is often not statistically significant, and may not be of clinical significance." (1)

"-the moral status of advocacy for this practice is, at best, indeterminate, and could perhaps be considered immoral." (2)

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