## Fluoride Email #2

## Subject: The Critical Importance of Informed Consent in Medical Interventions - Fluoride Water Treatment Follow-Up

Dear [Recipient],

As a follow-up to my previous correspondence regarding fluoride in our city water supply, I am writing to emphasize the fundamental principle of informed consent, a cornerstone of medical ethics and human rights.

<u>Informed consent</u> requires that an individual be provided with comprehensive information to make a voluntary, uncoerced decision about accepting or declining a medical intervention. This principle is perhaps most eloquently articulated in the Nuremberg Code, which states that voluntary consent is "absolutely essential" and requires:

- Free power of choice
- Absence of force, fraud, deceit, or duress
- Sufficient knowledge to make an enlightened decision

The most critical aspect of informed consent is its voluntary nature. Any introduction of coercion—whether through enticements like prizes, employment conditions, or public shaming—fundamentally violates an individual's right to make a truly free medical choice.

Recent years have demonstrated a troubling erosion of informed consent principles, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. We witnessed:

- Selective presentation of scientific information
- Minimization of medical intervention risks
- Exaggeration of potential benefits
- Unconstitutional medical mandates

To protect individual autonomy and medical ethics, we must re-establish robust safeguards that ensure:

- Full disclosure of medical intervention details
- Elimination of coercive practices
- Restoration of individual choice
- Transparency in medical decision-making

I urge you to consider the critical importance of preserving informed consent as a fundamental human right.

Sincerely, [Your Name]