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Dear Mr. Small,

You asked in your letters of February 11 and April 7, 1992 for evidence of suppression of information on the health effects of fluoride exposure, particularly the report by Jacobsen, et al. By "suppression" I assume you mean one or more of the following definitions from Webster's New World Dictionary:

As a verb: "to put down by force; subdue; quell; crush," or "to abolish by authority" or "to keep from appearing or being known, published, etc.." or "to consciously dismiss from the mind".

As a noun: "the mechanism by which unacceptable ideas, impulses, etc. are suppressed."

The evidence that the health effects of fluoride exposure have been suppressed, by any of the definitions listed above, is overwhelming. I am now, and have been in the past discussing this evidence with the appropriate committees in Congress. I expect Congressional hearings to establish the validity of these allegations, and to throw some light on the mechanism by which this has been accomplished. Looking at the mechanism, Congress will undoubtedly ask the question: what individuals and organizations have been involved? and did they actively plan to suppress important information relevant to the risks posed by exposure to fluoride? We welcome such an investigation and consider it long overdue.

Sincerely,

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