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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Natalie M. Higgins, (BY REQUEST)***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act providing municipalities to opt out of fluoridation treatments.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Karen Spencer</i>		<i>1/17/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing municipalities to opt out of fluoridation treatments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 8C of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, are hereby amended by inserting the following new paragraph after line 46:

3           Any town, city or district with artificial fluoridation programs in effect can end those  
4 programs with a local ordinance banning fluoridation via the local legislative body, i.e. City  
5 Council, Town Meeting or Water Commissioners. That process is initiated by the presentation of  
6 a petition of at least ten registered voters to the legislative body. Moreover, if the water  
7 superintendent or water commissioners with responsibility for ensuring water safety determines  
8 that in their opinion, the water fluoridation program is posing a risk to consumers, workers,  
9 infrastructure or environment, they can suspend fluoridation programs at will.