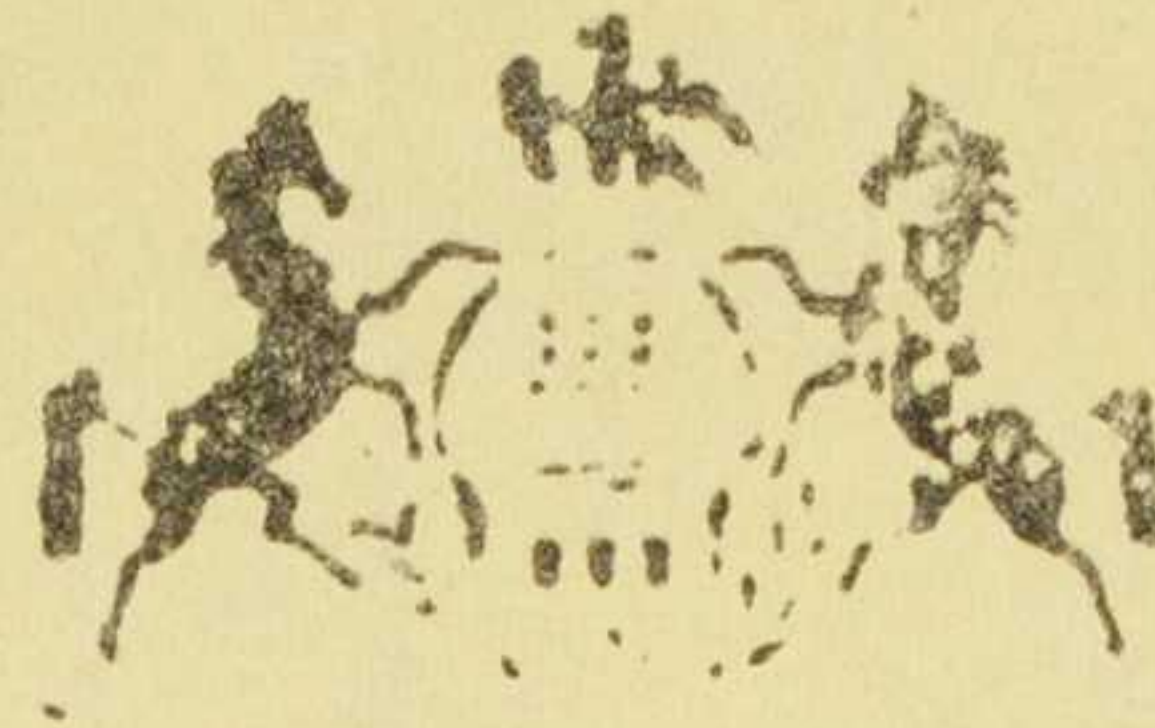


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JOHN P. FLAHERTY
JUSTICE

July 31, 1979

Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, Mayor
Auckland, New Zealand

Dear Sir Mayor:

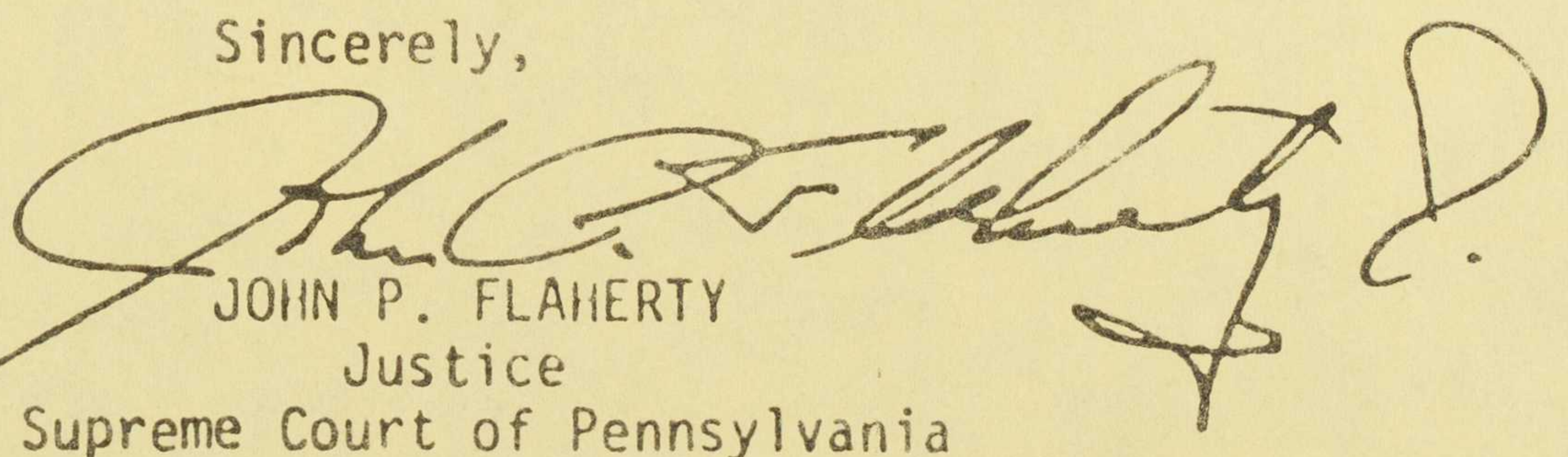
I am in receipt of your letter of July 25, 1979, and thank you for it.

You are correct that I entered an injunction against the fluoridation of the public water supply for a large portion of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. I did this after a very lengthy series of hearings on the issue. The trial brought into my court experts on the subject of fluoridation, and I meticulously considered the objective evidence. In my view, the evidence is quite convincing that the addition of sodium fluoride to the public water supply at one part per million is extremely deleterious to the human body, and, a review of the evidence will disclose that there was no convincing evidence to the contrary. Since my decision, I have received hundreds of letters, quite a few of which have been sent by physicians and dentists, all concurring with my decision. Contrary to your information, my decree has not been set aside by a higher court. Presently, the issue is on appeal to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania, but the appeal involves merely the jurisdiction of the court--it does not involve the substantive merits of the case.

Prior to my hearing this case, I gave the matter of fluoridation little, if any, thought, but I received quite an education, and noted that the proponents of fluoridation do nothing more than try to impugn the objectivity of those who oppose fluoridation. I seriously believe that few responsible people have objectively reviewed the evidence. If you are interested, I suggest that you review the twenty-eight hundred pages of testimony and all of the exhibits presented in this case.

Thank you very much for your inquiry.

Sincerely,


JOHN P. FLAHERTY
Justice
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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