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Dear Friends,

Massachusetts communities are once again being pressured into fluoridating by the newly amended HR # 227 which was recently reported favorably out of the Health Care Committee at the State House on March 6, 1985. This bill offers 60% of the costs of the construction of new water filtration plants to cities who fluoridate, with non-fluoridated communities being diminished to 40% of the costs.

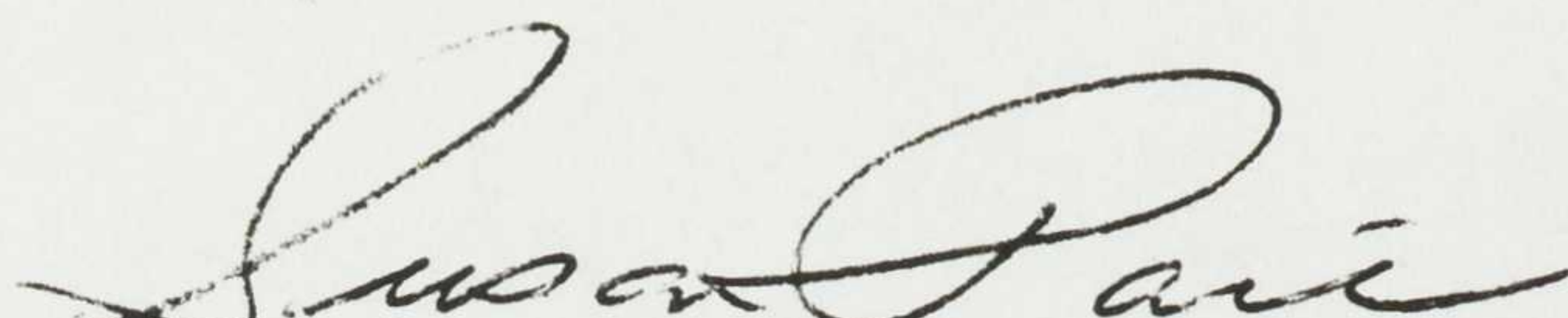
Our Massachusetts Department of Dental Health and Dr. Gregory Connolly are at it again attempting to circumvent the state's fluoridation law which already gives us the right to vote on this compulsory measure allowing for a town's Home Rule to be preserved and protected. (A right to choose that we should not even be voting on to begin with.) We need to act immediately by registering our opposition to this restrictive legislation:

1. Write your representative and senator telling them of your opposition to HR # 227;
2. Also, call their offices at the State House and do the same;
3. Please ask your friends and neighbors to join you in opposing HR # 227 which abolishes our cities' and towns' Home Rule.

Many of you have responded generously to CHA's call for support of Program '85. The Save Our Water Committee formed in Springfield for the fluoridation referendum of 1983 has kept its Political Action Committee status intact in order to influence state legislation. As Chairperson, I went to Boston, along with several other members, to testify before the Health Care Committee. The vote was 10-7 reporting favorably on HR # 227. We are appalled that our elected officials favor this abridgement of the democratic process and our right to vote.

Please ACT NOW by writing to your elected officials and support the Save Our Water Committee's efforts to stop the passage of HR # 227 in the full House.

Sincerely yours,


Susan Pare
President

Enclosure