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The Honorable Dave Crum, Chairperson
House Standing Committee on Health and Human Services
Statehouse, Room 512-N
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RE: HB 2372 – An act concerning certain municipalities; relating to disclosures regarding fluoride in water supplies

Dear Representative Crum and Members of the House Standing Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Board (Board). The Board consists of six licensed dentists (two of whom are pediatric specialists), two registered dental hygienists, and one public member for a total of nine members. The mission of the Board is to protect the public through licensure and regulation of the dental professions, which currently consists of 2,050 dentists and 2,574 registered dental hygienists for a total of 4,624 licensees.

On behalf of the Board, I write in firm opposition to HB 2372. At its regularly scheduled public meeting held on Friday, November 8, 2013, the quorum of the Board unanimously decided to "support existing and future community water fluoridation throughout Kansas." A copy of the Board's meeting minutes can be easily located on its website at the following: <http://dental.ks.gov/announcements/minutes>. The Board's support of both existing and future community water fluoridation throughout Kansas stands in direct opposition to HB 2372. To that end, the Board respectfully requests that the House Standing Committee on Health and Human Services consider the Board's dental expertise and opposition to HB 2372 when the bill comes up for hearing.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your time and consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

s/ **B. Lane Hemsley**

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Executive Director