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## Opposed Testimony on House Bill 2372 Senate Commerce Committee

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Chairman Crum and members of the Committee, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment supports fluoridation of the public water supply as one of the most effective ways to apply an evidence-based approach to improving dental health. There are many quality peer reviewed studies about the benefits of fluoridation, and these studies overwhelm a few anecdotal reports, poorly conducted foreign studies or opinions.

The evaluation and monitoring of public water supply fluoridation continues to guide its use. For example, the findings that other sources of fluoride would allow systems to reduce recommended levels compared to previous guidelines. The safety and effectiveness of public water supply fluoridation is well established and thus KDHE does not support HB2372.