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Dear Ms. Oshita;

Drinking water fluoride policy is a political minefield. There are unwitting casualties on both sides. Who or what is harmed is perceptual. Why six decades later does evidence remain strongly disputed? What possible motive can foster a collaborative without funding, working uncompensated, as does the removal of silicofluoride compounds from the drinking water supply? How could artificial fluoridation be such a powerful touchstone?

The answer lays in faith. Faith that scientific principals are guideposts to natural truths. Faith in politicians, that public trust is warranted. Faith that right is moral. Faith that laws protect people, property, liberty. Faith that institutions are reputable. Faith that professionals are better informed. Faith that industry is properly regulated. Faith in humankind.

But when faith gets besmirched by greed, heeled under national interest, betrayed by collusion and dismissed by the faithless, then a harsher reality is exposed. One of deceit, protection, and falsehoods. This is the framework from which to analyze fluoride compounds, fluoridation policy, and their unwarranted, protected status in society.

It's a thankless, daunting task to wrestle truth from propaganda. But that is your task for humanity, and the environment. Silicofluoride compounds added to drinking water have enjoyed an undeserved, protected, grandfathered status for far too long. However you decide to deal with the issue depends on whose interest you serve. Many great and well meaning persons have tried to reveal the myth. Fate has determined that you're next.

Faithfully, I remain hopeful. Make a difference.

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