Dear Matt; In response to your question, I do not believe there is any valid scientific reason for fearing adverse health conditions from the consumption of water fluoridated at the optimal level. I also feel that there is no reason why Kansas City residents should avoid drinking the fluoridated water that is provided by the community water system. Sincerely John Doull M.D. Ph. D. Chair of the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council 2006 Committee report on Fluoride in Drinking Water.

Hello, Dr. Doull. I understand that Jay has informed you that anti-fluoride activists in various communities are increasingly using a quote you apparently made during a newspaper interview. This web page is only one example of how your remarks are being used. Dr. Kumar shared his impression that the way in which your quote is being used mischaracterizes your views of water that is fluoridated to the optimal level. It would be helpful to clarify this.

- Do you believe there is a valid, scientific reason for fearing adverse health conditions from the consumption of water fluoridated at the optimal level?

- More specifically, do you feel there is any reason why Kansas City residents should avoid drinking the fluoridated water that is provided by the community water system?

The Pew Children’s Dental Campaign monitors web content on oral health prevention and related issues, and we strive to provide fact sheets and other materials that correct or clarify misleading content. It would be helpful to know whether the kinds of content that I shared are an accurate reflection of your views.

Thanks,
Matt