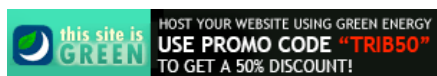


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“As an equity issue, dental decay disproportionately impacts low-income families and children, many of whom are uninsured or underinsured,” he said. “Low-income children suffer twice the rate of untreated decay and nearly three times the rate of rampant decay than children from higher-income families.”

The bond measure, sponsored by the Healthy Kids, Healthy Portland campaign, will be on the ballot May 21 along with the opposing group, Clean Water Portland.

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It is gratifying to see the Portland School Board casting their lot with the many thousands of North American scientists represented in the following list of national organizations who recognized the importance of community water fluoridation.

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As the volunteer Dental Director for the Creston Children's Dental Clinic, the only school-based dental clinic in Multnomah County, I applaud the the strong endorsement by the PPS School Board in support of water fluoridation and our upcoming ballot measure: 26-151. Healthy kids learn better!

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My God have they not looked into fluoride ? Tooth decay is a western disease like heart disease, adult onset diabetes, high blood pressure ect.... These are all epidemic it is a disease of life style . Do not medicate our water for western diseases . This is called omission neglect you are not looking at all the details of this

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**Dawn Moothart** · Follow · Portland, Oregon

Western disease? Really? Have you not been to a third world country? I'm still haunted by images of small children with a mouth full of black teeth.

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**Gwendolyn Dennis** · Top Commenter

Dawn Moothart - Are you starting in with the fear-mongering now? So people will want untested industrial pollution in their water?

Read "Russia's Population Sink"
<http://www.questia.com/library/1G1-17886057/russia-s-population-sink>

"In the former heart of the Soviet empire, deaths are far outpacing-births."

"In Nadvoitsy, a small Russian town near the Finnish border, an estimated 4,000 children have been poisoned by fluoride, which replaces calcium in the body, leaving its victims with blackened, ROTTING TEETH and weakened bones. Although the town's aluminum plant no longer dumps fluoride into unlined landfills, the contamination persists because neither the authorities nor the company can afford a full-fledged clean-up. Today, 5 to 10 percent of the town's kindergartners continue to exhibit signs of fluorosis." (Note that i...See More

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Nothing to do with optimal water fluoridation (0.7 ppm), Gwendolyn.

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