



MDHA Update & Action Alert:

TIME SENSITIVE!

MDHA continues to monitor key legislation on Beacon Hill – including legislation filed by other groups that may be harmful to the RDH profession and oral health across the state. **MDHA is very concerned by and stands in complete opposition to H.2548/S.1517 *An Act banning artificial fluoridation schemes***, which would ban the use of fluoride in water across the Commonwealth. This legislation perpetuates harmful, misinformed, and false ideas around the use of fluoride to improve oral health outcomes in our state.

Now, we need your help!

This legislation is being heard before the Public Health Committee on Thursday, June 11th. While we believe it is extremely unlikely this bill will move forward, **we strongly believe in the need to combat misinformation and use this hearing as an opportunity to uplift the importance of oral health.**

To voice your opposition to these bills, please send written testimony to be submitted to the committee.

You can use the [template below](#) for each of MDHA's five bills that can be easily filled out to be submitted to the committee. When you have completed your written testimony, please send it to JointCommittee.PublicHealth@malegislature.gov and the Public Health chairs.

Thank you for all that you do to support MDHA and oral health across the Commonwealth!

Please send your testimony to the following emails:

JointCommittee.PublicHealth@malegislature.gov ; william.driscoll@masenate.gov ;
Marjorie.Decker@mahouse.gov

Please include "Public Health Committee Testimony, Opposition to H.2548/S.1517" in the subject line of the email.

DATE, 2025

Senator Bill Driscoll
Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room 312-D
Boston, MA 02133

Representative Marjorie Decker
Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health
State House, Room 130
Boston, MA 02133

Testimony in OPPOSITION to H.2548 and S.1517, *An Act banning artificial fluoridation schemes*

Dear Chair Driscoll and Chair Decker,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today. As a **registered dental hygienist/dental hygiene student** in the state of Massachusetts, I would like to share my strong opposition to S.1587/H.2426, *An Act banning artificial fluoridation schemes*. This bill would advance harmful, false understandings of the uses of fluoride and pose a severe risk to the public health of our most vulnerable residents.

I am proud to share that the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists' Association stands in solidarity with the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Dental Association (ADA), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and countless other leading national and international health organizations, unequivocally supports community water fluoridation as a critical public health measure.

The use of fluoride in water is a longstanding, cost-effective, safe practice that improves public health outcomes – particularly for children. Banning fluoride would further health inequities for our most vulnerable residents who already struggle to access regular oral health appointments

and lack providers in their area by removing this tool that prevents tooth decay and strengthens teeth.

Please insert more here (*if applicable*) on your personal experiences, and why you believe this bill would be harmful to Massachusetts.

As a [insert position/title] in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, **I ask that the committee recommend that H.2548 and S.1517 ought NOT to pass and reject other policies that reduce the presence of fluoride in our communities.** Thank you again for this opportunity to submit testimony and for your consideration.

Best,

NAME

TITLE

ORGANIZATION-AFFILIATION (if appropriate)