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Dentists cannot provide a medical opinion regarding the safety of ingested fluoride.

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Dear Dr. Kennedy:

Recently, you wrote to the Board of Dental Examiners asking for a yes or no answer to the following question:

"Is the determination of whether a specific individual, or subset of the population, is at any time suffering from, or will suffer from, adverse health effects outside of the oral cavity from ingested fluoride within the purview of dentistry?"

As we understand the question, the answer is no. As phrased, your question would appear to relate to a medical diagnosis.

I hope this adequately addresses your question.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Arlyce Ten Broeck'.

Arlyce Ten Broeck
Assistant Executive Officer

cc: Georgetta Coleman, E.O.