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## Formal Complaint to the Washington State Attorney General

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### **Subject: Formal Complaint – Unlawful Medicalization of Public Drinking Water Through Fluoridation**

Dear Attorney General Ferguson,

I write to formally request an investigation and legal review of water fluoridation practices in Washington State, which appear to violate multiple provisions of state law and fundamental ethical principles.

Specifically:

1. **RCW 69.38.010** defines fluoride, when used to prevent disease, as a **legend drug**, requiring a prescription and professional oversight.
2. The Washington State Board of Pharmacy determined fluoride to be a legend drug in 2019.
3. Despite this, fluoride is being added to public water systems—**without prescriptions, informed consent, or medical supervision**—amounting to unauthorized mass drug

administration.

4. **RCW 57.08.012** permits fluoridation by public water districts, but **does not override the requirements of legend drug laws** or provide medical authority to water districts or the Department of Health.
5. **RCW 43.20.050(2)(a)** requires the Board of Health to adopt rules that **assure the safety of drinking water**. However, mounting scientific evidence—including the 2023 National Toxicology Program (NTP) review and federal court findings in *Food & Water Watch v. EPA*—suggest that fluoridated water may **pose a neurodevelopmental risk to fetuses and children**.

Numerous peer-reviewed studies, including Bashash et al. (2017), Green et al. (2019), and Till et al. (2020), link fluoride exposure during pregnancy to measurable IQ loss and neurodevelopmental harm. These findings have been acknowledged by a federal court as credible and serious.

**Accordingly, I respectfully request:**

- A formal opinion on whether the addition of fluoride to public drinking water without prescription or consent violates RCW 69.38.010;
- A review of whether the Department of Health or local water districts possess legal authority to bypass legend drug regulations;
- Immediate action to halt water fluoridation pending a full legal and scientific safety review;
- A directive ensuring that public health decisions comply with both Washington State law and the public's right to medical autonomy and safe drinking water.

This complaint is filed in the interest of protecting vulnerable populations—especially infants, children, pregnant women, and individuals with kidney disease or other fluoride sensitivities.

I would appreciate an acknowledgment of this complaint and notification of any actions initiated.

Sincerely,

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