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Dear Mr. Deal:

On behalf of Secretary Sebelius, thank you for your letter regarding water fluoridation levels.

Your letter states that the proposed Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Recommendation for Fluoride Concentration in Drinking Water for Prevention of Dental Caries comment period should be extended.

On February 28, 2011, HHS extended the comment period to April 15, 2011, 11:59 Eastern Standard Time. The *Federal Register* notice is available on the Internet at the following website:

www.federalregister.gov/articles/2011/02/28/2011-4343/proposed-hhs-recommendation-for-fluoride-concentration-in-drinking-water-for-prevention-of-dental

Your comments on the proposed guidance have been received, and will be reviewed and considered by HHS. We regret the inconvenience that you experienced while submitting your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas R. Frieden".

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