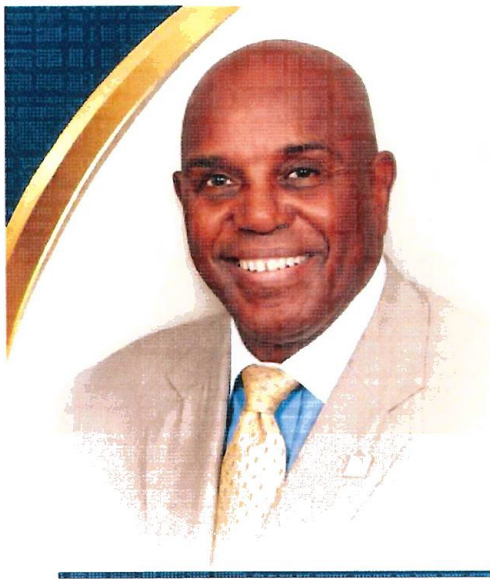




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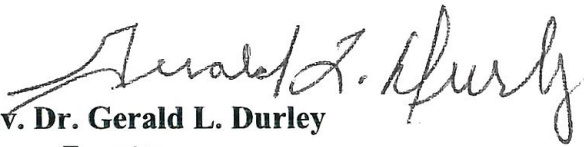
Dear Sirs:

I was one of those who were privileged to work with and march next to Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, and others in the early civil rights days of the 1960s. Since then I became a psychologist and was also the pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta for 25 years. I have continued to be active to this day in helping resolve civil rights issues. This is why I'm writing to you about harm from fluoridated water, particularly for African American kidney patients.

I have a dear friend on dialysis. I see how her life has been impacted. I receive mailings from the National Kidney Foundation (NKF). But I've never seen anything warning that kidney patients are especially susceptible to risks from fluorides. The federal government has acknowledged this in government reports since at least the 1990s, but the silence is deafening. Your website acknowledges that fluorides must be filtered out of water used for dialysis, because people have died or been injured if it's not removed from the dialysis water. But one has to dig deep into your website to find this out, if they even know to look for it. I never knew this. My friend never knew this. It's common sense to very clearly and openly warn people about fluorides and fluoridated water in their home and life, when they are in an especially susceptible group. And why not tell people with kidney cancer, kidney stones, transplant, etc?

I've always respected what NKF does. But will you now stand up and speak out and oppose water fluoridation? We had to stand up and speak out against wrongs back in the 1960's. Will you do so today, issuing a statement opposing water fluoridation? Doctors used to promote cigarettes. We used to use leaded gas. Now we know better and we made a CHANGE. Will NKF be the change and speak out against fluoridation, and help kidney patients? I encourage you to be on the right side of history. This issue is only going to get bigger.

In Christian Service,



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