

COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
RANKING MEMBER, SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES  
AND ENVIRONMENT  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON AVIATION  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RAILROADS,  
PIPELINES, AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

FLORIDA PORTS CAUCUS  
FOUNDER AND CHAIR



FREDERICA S. WILSON  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
24TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY,  
AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

CAUCUS ON THE U.S. COMMISSION ON THE  
SOCIAL STATUS OF BLACK MEN AND BOYS  
FOUNDER AND CHAIR

April 11, 2025

Honorable Mayor Michael Joseph  
North Miami Beach City Hall  
17011 NE 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
North Miami Beach, Florida, 33162

Dear Mayor Joseph:

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding your concerns about the ongoing debate surrounding the fluoridation of drinking water and its impact on children and our community as a whole. I share your concerns, and I have been—and continue to be—very vocal about the risks and potential harm that could result from removing fluoride from our water supply.

It is truly unfortunate, and even difficult to believe, that after so many years of documented success demonstrating the positive impact of fluoridation—including dramatic improvements in dental health and the prevention of childhood cavities—this issue has become politicized. Decades of scientific research have consistently shown that fluoridation is one of the most effective and affordable public health measures. It not only protects oral health by strengthening teeth and preventing decay, but also significantly reduces other costs associated with poor dental health, such as the need for dentures, surgeries, hospitalizations, missed school and workdays, and even the emotional toll of low self-esteem.

Together, we represent some of the largest minority communities—many of whom are either unserved or underserved and lack access to convenient, affordable health and dental care. Many individuals in these communities are not adequately informed about proper oral hygiene practices and lack access to the foods, toothpaste, and mouthwash that support good oral health. Opportunities to expand education and awareness around oral health, along with increased access to community dental services, deserve our highest level of continued support.

We are fortunate to have the support of our Miami-Dade County Mayor, Daniella Levine Cava, on this important issue.

The Mayor recently convened a panel of dental and medical experts who refuted claims that our water is unsafe due to fluoridation. They strongly support the continued use of fluoridation as a means of improving dental health. For the good of our entire community—especially those we serve—we, too, must stand up and make our voices heard in support of fluoridation.

WASHINGTON, DC OFFICE  
2080 RAYBURN HOB  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-4506  
(202) 226-0777 (FAX)

MIAMI BEACH SATELLITE OFFICE  
MIAMI BEACH CITY HALL  
1700 CONVENTION CTR. DR.  
FIRST FLOOR SUITE  
MIAMI BEACH, FL 33139  
(305) 690-5905

MIAMI GARDENS OFFICE  
18425 NW 2ND AVENUE, SUITE 355  
MIAMI GARDENS, FL 33169  
(305) 690-5905  
(305) 690-5951 (FAX)

NORTH MIAMI SATELLITE OFFICE  
SCOTT GALVIN COMMUNITY CENTER  
1600 NE 126 STREET  
NORTH MIAMI, FL 33181  
(305) 690-5905

WEST PARK SATELLITE OFFICE  
WEST PARK CITY HALL  
1965 SOUTH STATE ROAD 7  
WEST PARK, FL 33023  
(954) 989-2688

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frederica S. Wilson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'F' and 'W'.

Frederica S. Wilson  
Member of Congress

CC: North Miami Beach City Commission