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## Councillor won't support water ban

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I would like to provide comments about a recent piece in the Chronicle regarding the ban on selling bottled water at city sites. The article mentions retrofitting, repairing and upgrading our facilities so that fountains would be able to provide drinking water.

I believe that the citizens of Waterloo deserve to have clean and safe drinking water. I do not believe that the water that comes from the taps in our city is safe for everyone.

The hydrofluorosilicic acid routinely used to fluoridate municipal drinking water contains trace amounts of lead, mercury and arsenic and these contaminants do not improve the quality of our water. These fluoridation chemicals do not make our teeth healthier and they have been proven to cause other health problems.

Hydrofluorosilicic acid is also highly corrosive and it leaches out lead from pipes, solder and leaded brass fittings all of which are contained in our water distribution and supply system.

I will not support a ban on bottled water until we stop adding artificial fluoride to our drinking water.

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