

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION INC.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, INC., (MCRA) INITIATED A SUIT ON FEBRUARY 6 IN SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT TO BLOCK FLUORIDATION OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION'S (MDC) WATER SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH FLUORIDATION WAS STARTED WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, IT WAS STOPPED THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, AT LEAST UNTIL MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, WHEN THE CASE IS SCHEDULED FOR A HEARING BEFORE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ALAN J. DIMOND. (not Diamond). A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IS BEING SOUGHT BY ATTORNEY DACE J. MOORE ON SEVERAL POINTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE UNIQUE TO THE SITUATION IN MASSACHUSETTS AND PARTICULARLY TO THE MDC.

MCRA DISCONTINUED ITS BOSTON OFFICE WHEN THE BUILDING WAS TAKEN FOR URBAN RENEWAL, SO THERE IS NO TELEPHONE LISTING AT PRESENT. THE ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE OF THE SECRETARY ARE THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE FOR MCRA. THE TREASURER IS AN ALTERNATE WHEN THE SECRETARY IS UNAVAILABLE.

THE MCRA OBJECTIVES ARE TO INSURE THE RIGHT OF MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS TO HAVE THEIR WATER SUPPLIES KEPT FREE FROM ANY DRUG OR CHEMICAL NOT REQUIRED FOR PURIFICATION OR FOR CORROSION PREVENTION. MCRA STRONGLY OBJECTS TO ANY ADDITIVE (SUCH AS FLUORIDE) INTENDED TO AFFECT THE BODIES OF THE CONSUMERS OF THE WATER. MCRA SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN MATTERS CONCERNING HIS HEALTH, AS LONG AS THIS CHOICE DOES NOT INFRINGE UPON THE EQUAL RIGHTS OF OTHERS. MCRA SUPPORTS THE RIGHT OF PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS AND SCIENTISTS TO INVESTIGATE AND SPEAK FREELY WITHOUT FEAR OF CENSURE OR REPRISAL.

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1959, MCRA HAS CONCENTRATED ON PROVIDING THE CORE OF OPPOSITION TO FLUORIDATION IN MASSACHUSETTS. MANY FLUORIDATION REFERENDA IN CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE BEEN WON BY LOCAL CITIZEN GROUPS IN COOPERATION WITH MCRA.

MCRA HAS NO QUARREL WITH ANYONE WHO WANTS TO USE ANY FORM OF

FLUORIDE OR ANY OTHER CHEMICAL OR DRUG FOR MEDICINAL OR OTHER PURPOSES. WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF ANY SUCH PERSON TO INSIST THAT OTHER CITIZENS BE OBLIGED TO TAKE ANY AMOUNT OF THE FLUORIDE OR OTHER CHEMICAL AS PATRONS OF THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES. CONSUMERS OF FLUORIDATED WATER TAKE UNCERTAIN, UNMEASURED DOSES OF THE CHEMICAL EVERY DAY, AN INHERENTLY IRRATIONAL WAY OF TAKING ANY DRUG. IN THE CASE OF SUCH A POWERFUL, CUMULATIVE CHEMICAL AS A FLUORIDE, WHICH ACCUMULATES IN BODY TISSUES AS WELL AS IN BONES AND TEETH, THE IRRATIONALITY IS MADE PUBLIC POLICY BY ADOPTION OF FLUORIDATION.

COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE LINK BETWEEN FLUORIDATION AND CANCER IS ASSEMBLED IN A SPECIAL ISSUE ("FLUORIDATION-CANCER LINK") OF THE CANCER CONTROL JOURNAL, VOL. 5, NO. 1 & 2 (\$3.75 ppd, \$19.00 FOR TEN COPIES), CANCER CONTROL SOCIETY, 2043 NORTH BERENDO, LOS ANGELES CA 90027. ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL FINDINGS IS THAT UPWARDS OF 10,000 CANCER DEATHS EACH YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES ARE LINKED SOLELY TO FLUORIDATION. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF THESE DEATHS ARE IN THE AGE GROUP 65+.

THE STATISTICAL LINK BETWEEN FLUORIDATION AND SHARPLY HIGHER DEATH RATES FROM HEART DISEASE AMONG OLDER CITIZENS IS GIVEN IN FLUORIDE, VOL. 7 NO. 1, JANUARY 1974. FLUORIDE IS THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FLUORIDE RESEARCH, P.O. BOX 692, WARREN MI 48090, \$5.00 PER COPY, \$18.00 PER YEAR.

EVIDENCE FOR HIGHER DEATH RATES IN FLUORIDATED CITIES IS PRESENTED IN THE SPECIAL ISSUE ON FLUORIDATION, JANUARY 1976, OF THE JOURNAL OF ARTS, SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES, VOL. 2, NO. 1, ANTHONY UNIVERSITY, P.O. BOX 4286, PHILADELPHIA PA 19144. HIGHER DEATH RATES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS COMBINED AND HIGHER STILLBIRTH RATES AND INFANT DEATH RATES IN A FLUORIDATED CITY IN CHILE ARE COMPARED WITH THE DEATH RATES IN A COMPARABLE NON-FLUORIDATED CITY AND A COMPARABLE CITY WITH NATURAL FLUORIDATION.

MANY ARTICLES HAVE APPEARED IN NATIONAL FLUORIDATION NEWS (\$2.00 PER YEAR, \$6.00 FOR BACK ISSUES 1963 TO 1977), ROUTE 1, GRAVETTE AR 72736, SHOWING THE FUTILITY OF FLUORIDATION AS WELL AS THE MANY ADVERSE EFFECTS OF ALL FLUORIDES ON HUMAN BODIES, ANIMAL LIFE, PLANTS AND TREES. FLUORIDE'S ROLE AS ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANT IS WELL DOCUMENTED. A PARTICULARLY COGENT ARTICLE ON THE LEGAL, ETHICAL AND POLITICAL IM-

PLICATIONS OF FLUORIDATION APPEARED IN THE ISSUE OF APRIL-JUNE 1977.

AN EXCELLENT PAPERBACK BOOK, "FLUORIDATION AND TRUTH DECAY" (\$3.50 PPD, TOP-ECOL PRESS, P.O. BOX 1375 LAWRENCE MA 01842, AND 18416 VAN OWEN, RESEDA CA 91335) NOT ONLY GIVES THE FULL FLUORIDATION STORY BUT DEMOLISHES THE MYTH OF "60 TO 70 PER CENT REDUCTION" IN TOOTH DECAY, AND THE FALSE CLAIMS FOR SAFETY AND REDUCTION OF BONE DISEASE. FLUORIDATED CHILDREN ARE SHOWN TO HAVE JUST AS MUCH TOOTH DECAY AS THEIR UNFLUORIDATED FRIENDS WHO WERE ONE TO THREE YEARS YOUNGER. FLUORIDATED TEETH ARE SHOWN TO DECAY APPROXIMATELY AS FAST AS UNFLUORIDATED TEETH. FLUORITIC DAMAGE TO MALNOURISHED CHILDREN IS INDICATED TO BE ABOUT TWICE AS SEVERE AS TO CHILDREN WITH MORE ADEQUATE DIETS.

THESE REFERENCES INDICATE THAT NO LONG LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS OR PROMOTIONAL CLAIMS CAN OBLITERATE THE GRIM FACTS THAT EMERGE FROM AN HONEST, SINCERE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF FLUORIDATION.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO SUPPORT THE MCRA IN PROMOTING FREEDOM OF CHOICE AND IN PREVENTING THE USE OF WATER LINES AS CARRIERS FOR CHEMICAL ADDITIVES INTENDED TO AFFECT HUMAN BODIES, IS INVITED TO DO SO.

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THIS NEWS RELEASE IS SOLELY FOR THE INFORMATION OF THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW WHAT MCRA IS AND WHY IT OBJECTS TO FLUORIDATION, AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO INFORM THEMSELVES ABOUT THE FACTS OF FLUORIDATION. THE REFERENCES GIVEN AND STATEMENTS MADE ARE UNRELATED TO THE PENDING SUIT AGAINST THE MDC.

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Comm. from Howard M. Thomson, Treasurer, Massachusetts Citizens Rights Assoc., re: fluoridation.

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