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Dear Water Quality Awardee,

I am pleased to present you with the *2021 Water Fluoridation Quality Award* from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 2020 we celebrated the 75th year of fluoridation of public water supplies in the United States. Today in Massachusetts over 4 million people in 132 communities, are receiving the benefits of community water fluoridation. A total of 1,394 public water systems in 28 states received this award, including 64 in Massachusetts.

Each community's water system reports its fluoride level to the Office of Oral Health. We then monitor and document the results in the Water Fluoridation Reporting System (WFRS) managed by the CDC. The CDC presents this Water Fluoridation Quality Award annually to public water systems that 1. Adjust the fluoride concentration of their drinking water; 2. Achieve a monthly average fluoride level that is in the optimal range for 12 consecutive months in a year; and 3. Document their fluoride levels in CDC's Water Fluoridation Reporting System.

This award recognizes your investment in ensuring that every resident of your community receives the benefit of good oral health. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health strongly supports community water fluoridation as a safe, cost-effective, and proven practice that promotes good oral health within our communities.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to providing your community with the best in oral health benefits through fluoridation and congratulations on this special recognition!

Sincerely,

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