Our second letter to Mr. Davie, Director General of the BBC,
and Dr. Shah, chairman of the BBC.

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The BBC's misrepresentation concerning the dangers posed by water fluoridation and the importance of maintaining the public's trust.

Dear Mr. Davie, and Dr. Shah

We are writing to you in response to the BBC's complaints team reply (May 8) to our first letter of April 14, 2025 (see link below).

Whoever wrote this unsigned response letter very carefully and artfully missed the point. We were not asking the BBC to take sides on the fluoridation debate, but rather to cover both sides of the scientific issues involved accurately and professionally, which the BBC has hitherto failed miserably to do.

With the help of our respective MPs we are seeking a reply from you, personally, as the Director General and Chairman of the BBC, on our serious professional concerns. We would like to hear from you, in your own words, on the following items, which were not addressed by your
complaints' response team.

1) A recognition that a serious mistake was made when your reporter told the world that the studies that found a lowering of IQ in children associated with fluoride exposure were done at "much higher" concentrations than used in water fluoridation programs. This is blatantly untrue as detailed in our first letter. It also completely ignores the important concept of the 'margin of safety' needed in public health policies.

2) An acknowledgement of the BBC's failure to give serious attention to the high-quality fluoride-IQ studies funded by the NIEHS carried out between 2017 and 2020 was a serious omission.

3) As was the BBC's failure to cover the publication of the NTP's seven-year review of flfluoride's neurotoxicity in 2024.

4) As was the BBC's failure to cover the finding of a U.S. Federal court law judge that water fluoridation posed an "unreasonable risk" to the developing brains of the foetus, infants and children in the USA.

5) Lastly, we would like to hear the results of our request to you to investigate how a veteran BBC reporter who had covered all the questions above was refused publication of his report unless he removed references to the NTP report and the Federal lawsuit. We hope he would agree that such censorship is inappropriate at the BBC.

We wait in anticipation of serious and specific responses to all these items from you as Director General and Chairman of the BBC. We hope you agree that maintaining our trust as professionals, as well as the public at large, on serious public health issues such as this, is of critical
importance and deserves your full attention.

Yours Sincerely,

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