A bill before the Nevada Legislature would make it easier to require TMWA to fluoridate its customers' water in the Reno-Sparks area. (Photo: Provided by TMWA)

After reading a recent column in the RGJ [“Washoe County should fluoridate water: 2 UNR pediatricians,” Voices, March 8], I was struck by the lack of information that actually matters to the people who would have to pay for fluoridating our water. We voted “no” in 2002. Now some legislator wants to circumvent the public’s vote and make us all pay for what we don’t want. The cost to fluoridate is projected at $60-70 million up front and $3 million annually.

If every person served by TMWA (approximately 400,000) drank the daily recommended amount of water (eight 8-ounce glasses) and all of it was from TMWA, customers would have consumed only 0.27% of the water produced in 2016.

According to the International Bottled Water Association, less than 1% of water used is human consumed. Of that, 55% of TMWA customers say they drink bottled water (2016 TMWA
Customer Satisfaction Survey). 99% of water used is for our lawn, clothes, dishes, toilets. So, why are we fluoridating the whole water supply for 1%?

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