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Sam Davis  
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Dear Mr. Davis,

I am writing to draw your attention to a litany of false claims made in a Baltimore Sun article: "*The case against bottled water*," (<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-bottled-water-20170107-story.html>), by Joseph Matanoski, published on January 6, 2017.

Nearly every paragraph of this article contains decades-old false claims about bottled water. Mr. Matanoski, a biology associate professor at Stevenson University, also misrepresents the way the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) expresses coliform results. The FDA has very clear bottled water regulations that state that *E. coli* is not permitted in bottled water.

This article is little more than an extensive list of all the usual untruths we hear about bottled water, spread around the internet via fake news sites. It contains disappointing research by a college professor.

I encourage Mr. Matanoski and your readers to look at our myths and facts page ([www.bottledwater.org/education/myths](http://www.bottledwater.org/education/myths)) to learn more about bottled water — one of the safest, healthiest and environmentally friendly packaged beverages on the shelf.

Sincerely,

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