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NORTHSIDE NORTHSORE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 4, 2012

Robert Brackbill
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RE: Proposed Affiliation of Highmark Inc. and West Penn Allegheny Health System

Dear Mr. Brackbill:

The members of the Northside/Northshore Chamber of Commerce (NS/NSCC) respectfully submit this letter of support in favor of the West Penn Allegheny Health System-Highmark Inc. affiliation.

The Northside/Northshore Chamber of Commerce is a membership service organization comprised of over 200 large and small businesses and non-profit organizations located on Pittsburgh's Northside and North Shore. Our mission is to help local businesses succeed while keeping Northside neighborhoods viable and strong.

Established in 1897, the NS/NSCC began helping merchants at the turn of the century in the Northside Market District and today still remains dedicated to meeting the needs of businesses and the community on Pittsburgh's Northside.

Through collaboration with other groups, the NS/NSCC provides useful information to companies looking to relocate, expand their current business, reach new customers, seek investment or secure funding through government programs.

Allegheny General Hospital (AGH) enjoys a strong and dedicated partnership with the Northside Community and has a formal partnership agreement that was established in 1989 to promote the health, welfare and future vitality of the Northside. AGH is the largest employer on the Northside and provides access to Northside residents to employment opportunities at AGH as well as promoting community health programs, physical reinvestment issues, mortgage and marketing programs and other community development programs. In particular,

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AGH has served as an economic driver for many of our local businesses and has worked collaboratively with business to maximize purchasing opportunities for Northside suppliers.

The NS/NSCC supports this transaction and encourages you to proceed expeditiously to insure choice and access for patients and providers for Pittsburgh's Northside and all of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



Eric M. Schumann, Board President

The Northside/Northshore Chamber of Commerce

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