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Dear Mr. Brackbill:

As a retired United Methodist Pastor insured by Highmark with Allegheny General Hospital and its associates near my home just north of Butler, PA, I wanted to write and support the proposed affiliation of Highmark and West Penn Allegheny Health System.

This affiliation is import in providing important services improving the health of the people of the western Pennsylvania region. It also provides for a better balance of consumer choice, access to health-care, and the reigning in of health-care costs in southwestern Pennsylvania. This affiliation will support the continued delivery of high-quality and high-value health care.

It will also support a partnership that my wife and I believe is important and good for western Pennsylvania. It will support the jobs of dedicated employees and physicians associated with this system of health-care and enable them to continue to deliver the high-quality care for which the WPAHS hospitals are nationally recognized today.

The affiliation will support the revitalization of West Penn Hospital and continued investment in Allegheny General Hospital, Allegheny Valley Hospital [near Grace United Methodist Church in Natrona Heights where I was pastor], the Canonsburg General Hospital [which provides health care to my son and his family who reside nearby], and the Forbes Regional Hospital.

Sincerely,

Glenn + Janet Kohlhepp

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