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From: Brackbill, Robert
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 9:33 AM
To: 'Chronister, Ronald'
Subject: UPE/Highmark Form A Filing: Public Comment Received from Laura and Richard Gerber

Mr. Chronister,

The following public comment concerning the subject filing is being forwarded to you for appropriate response.

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Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 7:36 AM
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April 17, 2012
Hearing Officer
Mr. Robert Brackbill
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1345 Strawberry Square
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Dear Sir:
I want you to know that I support the proposed affiliation of Highmark and West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS). Here are the reasons why:

- I believe this affiliation will set an example of how to improve the U.S. health care system.
- I believe this affiliation will help not only southwestern Pennsylvanians, but also will serve to expand access to doctors and hospitals and help to rein in health care costs.
- I believe this affiliation will deliver value, choice and high-quality health care.
- I believe this affiliation will help preserve thousands of jobs in the West Penn Allegheny Health System.

For these reasons, I ask the Pennsylvania Insurance Department to approve Highmark's filing as soon as possible.
Sincerely,
Laura and Richard Gerber

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