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From: Brackbill, Robert
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 9:29 AM
To: 'Chronister, Ronald'
Subject: UPE/Highmark Form A Filing: Public Comment Received from Beth Bujak

Mr. Chronister,

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

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From: Bujak, Beth [<mailto:beth.bujak@highmark.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2012 12:26 PM
To: Brackbill, Robert
Subject: I support the proposed affiliation of Highmark and West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS).

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.
- We cannot allow UPMC to monopolize the health care system in the area...there must be choice.

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

Sincerely,

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