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Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment received by the Insurance Department from Janet Scullion, Executive Director of the Bloomfield Preservation and Heritage Society and President of the Bloomfield Citizen's Council. I am also copying Ms. Scullion with the response by email.

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**BEFORE THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Statement Regarding the Acquisition of Control of or Merger with Domestic Insurers:

Highmark Inc.; First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
Gateway Health Plan, Inc.; Highmark Casualty Insurance Company;
Highmark Senior Resources Inc.; HM Casualty Insurance Company;
HM Health Insurance Company, d/b/a Highmark Health Insurance Company;
HM Life Insurance Company; HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.,
d/b/a First Priority Health; Inter-County Health Plan, Inc.;
Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; Keystone Health Plan West, Inc.;
United Concordia Companies, Inc.; United Concordia Dental Plans of Pennsylvania, Inc.;
United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Company

By UPE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

**Response of UPE to
Comment of the Janet Scullion Dated March 16, 2012**

UPE is responding to the comment from Janet Scullion received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department April 9, 2012. The comment is numbered as Document 0435 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Ms. Scullion, Executive Director of the Bloomfield Preservation & Heritage Society and President of the Bloomfield Citizen's Council, has expressed her support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS"). Ms. Scullion highlights the integral role that WPAHS has played in the region for nearly a century, and the importance of the proposed affiliation in preserving this vital economic asset in the community.

UPE is in agreement with Ms. Scullion's comments and believes that this transaction will ensure the continued vitality of WPAHS by delivering value, choice, and high-quality healthcare services to the Western Pennsylvania community. UPE also agrees that preserving WPAHS through the proposed affiliation will provide much needed local and regional economic stability.

UPE would like to thank Ms. Scullion for her comments and support.

UPE

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DATE: May 14, 2012

cc: Janet Cercone Scullion, Executive Director, Bloomfield Preservation & Heritage Society;
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