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Robert Brackbill
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Dear Mr. Brackbill:

I am writing in regards to the proposed affiliation of Highmark and the West Penn Allegheny Health System (WPAHS).

The WPAHS employs nearly 11,000 people in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and the potential relationship between the health system and Highmark could have a significant impact on both the employees of the health system, and patients who utilize the services of both WPAHS and Highmark. This matter has been pending before the Insurance Department for over a year, and I am urging the Department to make a decision on this matter expeditiously. The uncertainty surrounding the potential relationship is concerning to me and to those directly impacted by the pending affiliation, and a definitive ruling would allow both parties to move forward with plans to ensure that employment and access to care are solidly protected.

As always, I thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any additional questions or concerns, and I look forward to the resolution of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Doyle
Member of Congress

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