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Dear Ms. Bybee,

Attached is a letter in support of the merger between Highmark and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

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*Thanks to all those that supported the "Hot Havana Nights" VIM Gala!!
If you missed it there is still time... the "Hot Summer" campaign is underway.
Please look out for more information in the summer newsletter coming to you soon.*

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July 21, 2014

Cressinda Bybee
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Dear Ms. Bybee,

I am writing this letter in reference to the merger of Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania and Highmark.

In 2008, Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) was a startup nonprofit organization with the mission of providing free medical care to the working uninsured population in Luzerne County, PA. Blue Cross and Highmark were the key funding components in providing the core seed money to the VIM Clinic. Six years later, the Clinic has successfully expanded services to include a full service dental clinic, counseling, chiropractic services, pharmacology program, wellness education, case management and physical therapy. The Clinic has over 10,000 registered patients and has become a high demand community resource.

The accomplished milestones and expanded services at VIM would not have been possible without the original funding from BCNEPA and Highmark. Their philanthropic support is greatly appreciated and very commendable.

We look forward to a continued partnership with BCNEPA/Highmark and working together to provide hope, health and healing to the low income families in Northeastern Pennsylvania community.

Sincerely,

Kelly L. Ranieli
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