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Ms. Bybee,

Attached please find Highmark Inc.'s response to the public comment received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department from Ms. Kelly Ranieli. I am providing Ms. Ranieli with a copy of the response with this email.

Ron Chronister

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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:

Hospital Service Association of Northeastern Pennsylvania  
d/b/a Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania;  
First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;  
HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. d/b/a First Priority Health

By

Highmark Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

**Response of Highmark Inc. to  
Comment of Kelly L. Ranieli Dated July 21, 2014**

Highmark Inc. is responding to the comment from Kelly L. Ranieli received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on July 23, 2014. The comment is numbered as Document 0591 on the Highmark/BCNEPA Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Ms. Ranieli has offered comments supportive of the proposed merger of Highmark and Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania (BCNEPA) based on Highmark and BCNEPA's shared past support for the activities of nonprofit organizations in the northeastern Pennsylvania community.

Highmark Inc. is in agreement with Ms. Ranieli's comments. Highmark and BCNEPA are long term business partners with a history of serving the needs of the people of northeastern and north central Pennsylvania. The merger of the two companies will assure the continuation of the two companies' historical support of other nonprofit organizations that similarly serve these communities.

Highmark Inc. would like to thank Ms. Ranieli for her comments and support.

**Highmark Inc.**  
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DATE: July 30, 2014

cc: Kelly L. Ranieli