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Attn: Mr. Jim Boll, Chief Legal Counsel, Office of Commissioner of Insurance

Mr. Boll,

My name is Dennis Alldridge, and I am the President and CEO of Special Olympics Wisconsin. I have been involved with Special Olympics for the past 35 years, including serving as the President and CEO for Special Olympics' programs in Illinois and Wisconsin. I have devoted my career to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID), and I have learned so much about this underserved population along the way.

Special Olympics' core mission is to provide opportunities to participate in sports for individuals with ID. In Wisconsin, we have around 170 local programs, and athletes compete at the local, regional and statewide level in a robust, year-round athletics program which offers 18 different sports. Initially, Special Olympics was created to address the paucity of athletics opportunities for individuals with ID. Athletes gathered at Soldier Field in 1968 to demonstrate that they were capable of great achievements in athletics, and that they were worthy and deserving of celebration. Special Olympics Wisconsin was incorporated in 1971, and in 2015, we served 10,425 athletes and offered 719 competitions. We are incredibly fortunate to have 1,312 coaches and a total of 11,649 volunteers, who enable us to operate on a statewide scale.

Today, Special Olympics offers programming beyond sports, because we have seen the disparities and challenges that individuals with ID face with respect to their health care resources and educational opportunities. I write to you today regarding our health programs, and in support of our Community Partner Humana, which has been a steady supporter of these important programs since 1996. Specifically, Humana sponsors our 'Healthy Habits' education stations, which we offer at various competitions throughout the year where large numbers of athletes and their families, friends and caregivers come together. In 2015, Special Olympics Wisconsin offered 18 Healthy Habits stations at competitions, serving around 2,000 athletes. These educational stations offered information and materials to help athletes make healthy choices and develop healthy lifestyles. Topics at 2015's Healthy Habits stations included oral health, nutrition, hydration, sun safety, stress management and more, and giveaway items included oral health kits, caregiver guides, water bottles, apples, bananas, and other healthy snacks, stress balls, magnets on hand-washing habits and a personal hygiene checklist, among other items.

Special Olympics Wisconsin is grateful for the support we have received from Humana to help run health programs like Healthy Habits. Humana is a true Community Partner in our mission to provide people with ID with the resources, information and assistance they need to live healthier lives. Our organizations are such compatible and effective partners because we share a common goal – improving health by preventative means. Both organizations see the immense value in addressing lifestyle and habits to preserve good health and stave off chronic conditions associated with an

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unhealthy lifestyle, like obesity or diabetes. These conditions are more prominent among individuals with ID than the general population, and Special Olympics and Humana have teamed up to address these issues and create a healthier Wisconsin. As such, I am happy to endorse Humana's efforts to strengthen its overall capacity to promote health by teaming with Aetna.

In the Spirit of Special Olympics,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dennis Alldridge', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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