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May 4, 2005

Mr. Jorge Gomez  
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RE: In the Matter of Acquisition of Control of Physicians Insurance Company of Wisconsin, Inc. ("PIC") by American Physicians Assurance Corporation ("APAC")  
Case No: 04-C29283

Dear Mr. Gomez:

Monroe Clinic is one of the shareholders of PIC which contracted on September 17, 2004 to sell their shares to APAC subject to OCI approval. The Form A application concerning this matter was filed with OCI on September 21, 2004. Monroe Clinic has requested admission as a party to the OCI proceeding.

Monroe Clinic is a non-profit rural health system sponsored by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. Our 50+ physicians and more than 900 staff work hard every day to provide quality health services in eight locations throughout south central Wisconsin and northern Illinois. We are the owners of 392 shares of PIC stock. At the contracted sale price of \$3,800 per share, Monroe Clinic shares are worth nearly \$1.5 million. It is our intent to use these funds to help ensure our ability over the long term to deliver quality, affordable health care to the communities we serve. As a non-profit corporation, we have no shareholders. All the proceeds will be used for health services in our communities.

As an employer of more than 50 physicians, we have a keen interest in factors affecting the malpractice insurance environment in Wisconsin. We have reviewed this sale with respect to

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that environment and have concluded there is no reasonable evidence that this transaction will have a negative impact on competition in the Wisconsin medical malpractice market or on the availability of reasonable malpractice insurance in the future. After an extensive review, the Wisconsin Medical Society decided to remain neutral on this matter because there was no conclusive evidence to show the share purchase would impact the liability environment.

PIC leadership appears to be working hard to delay actions on this transaction in an attempt to block the sale. I urge you to move toward an expeditious hearing of this matter. We've been waiting more than seven months already. Each additional week and month of delay has a real economic cost associated with it for each of the sellers. For us, that translates to an impact on services to our patients and their families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Sanders  
President and CEO

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