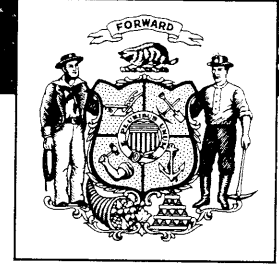


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Jorge Gomez, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Gomez:

I wanted to drop you a note concerning the Colbolt/WellPoint merger. I am aware there have been problems in other states with these types of mergers, most notably in Texas and California with people getting dropped from publicly funded health care and slow and low reimbursement rates.

In Kansas, the Supreme Court backed the decision of the Insurance Commissioner that the merger between and the Blues and Anthem wasn't in the best interest of the consumers in Kansas. I trust the commissioner will, or has considered our own independent review of the merger. I don't want to block this merger I just want to make sure that the consumers in Wisconsin are our first priority. Going slow may be the most prudent course of action.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

DAVE TRAVIS  
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