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Subject: Public Comment from Mayor Gregory Erosenko
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Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment received by the Insurance Department from Mayor Gregory Erosenko. I am also copying Mayor Erosenko with the response by email at the email address in the email transmitting Mayor Erosenko's comment to the Insurance Department.

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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:

Highmark Inc.; First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
Gateway Health Plan, Inc.; Highmark Casualty Insurance Company;
Highmark Senior Resources Inc.; HM Casualty Insurance Company;
HM Health Insurance Company, d/b/a Highmark Health Insurance Company;
HM Life Insurance Company; HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.,
d/b/a First Priority Health; Intercounty Health Plan, Inc.;
Intercounty Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; Keystone Health Plan West, Inc.;
United Concordia Companies, Inc.; United Concordia Dental Plans of Pennsylvania, Inc.;
United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Company

By UPE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

**Response of UPE to
Comment of Gregory Erosenko Dated March 1, 2012**

UPE is responding to the comment from Gregory Erosenko received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department on March 1, 2012. The comment is numbered as Document 0175 on the Highmark/ West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Mr. Erosenko, Mayor of Monroeville, has offered his support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System ("WPAHS") noting that the proposed affiliation will preserve Forbes Regional Hospital which has been a valued community asset in the Monroeville area for over 30 years. Additionally, he emphasizes that the Forbes campus of WPAHS is the major employer in the area and the preservation of the health system is critical to the region.

UPE is in agreement with the comments of Mr. Erosenko and finds the proposed affiliation of Highmark and WPAHS will ensure the continued vitality of the health system for the benefit of people living in the communities where these facilities are located. UPE believes it is important to preserve these valued community assets for the people of the Western Pennsylvania community.

UPE would like to thank Mayor Erosenko for his comments and support.

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DATE: March 8, 2012

cc: Gregory Erosenko