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12 December 2018

Mr. Peter Mucchetti Chief, Healthcare and Consumer Products Section Antitrust Division United States Department of Justice 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 4100 Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Mucchetti:

I am writing regarding the Asian Business Association of Los Angeles' interest in the CVS Health acquisition of Aetna. Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the California Department of Insurance and the California Department of Managed Health Care during their consideration of the transaction.

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I wanted you to be aware of this communication and to reiterate our continued support for the merger, which we believe will be in the best interest of patients and consumers.

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Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Huang Executive Director

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26 April 2018

Shelley Rouillard Director, California Department of Managed Health Care 980 9th Street, Suite 500 Sacramento, CA 95814

Director Rouillard:

On behalf of the Asian Business Association of Los Angeles, we write in support of CVS Health's pending acquisition of Aetna.

The Asian Business Association has represented Asian American business owners for more than 40 years. The spiraling costs of health care services are a top concern for many of our members. Promoting access to quality, affordable health care is a priority for our business owners, their employees, and their families. We believe that the pending merger between CVS Health and Aetna will be a step in the right direction to address those concerns.

Our members are always looking for ways their businesses can adapt and innovate and we need providers to bring that same approach to the future of health care in California. CVS Health's acquisition of Aetna represents an opportunity to build on the existing strengths of each company in a way that increases access to care and transforms the patient experience. This merger will bring together the spectrum of health professionals including physicians, pharmacists, and insurers under one roof, promoting a more comprehensive and streamlined approach to patient care. Indeed, the merger between these two organizations will lower costs, increase access points for patients, allow for greater coordination between health care providers, and ultimately enable improved patient outcomes.

In addition, we should consider the important ways CVS has already improved the health of communities in California. CVS is has shown a commitment to combating the opioid crisis across the nation and here in California. In fact, CVS has ongoing programs to increase access to opioid overdose medication, expand drug disposal collection program, provide counseling programs for those with new opioid prescriptions, and educate pharmacies and prescribers on ways to prevent prescription opioid abuse. Furthermore, CVS has been a pioneer and industry leader in curbing tobacco use. CVS Health was the first national retail pharmacy chain to stop selling tobacco products in their stores, resulting in 95 million fewer packs sold. The Asian Business Association represents small businesses that boost our local economy, create jobs, and drive innovation. The rising costs of health care threaten the welfare of our members and the diverse communities that they serve. We believe that this merger will improve the accessibility, affordability, and quality of health care services available for our members.

We strongly urge you to approve the CVS Health-Aetna transaction.

Sincerely,

Dennis Huang Executive Director

The Asian Business Association is a non-profit organization that has been proactively assisting Asian American small businesses gain access to economic opportunities and advancement since 1976. We represent the views of Asian American business owners to local, state and federal government officials in order to promote and improve the business climate.

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