

December 10, 2018

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

RE: SUPPORT for CVS Health acquisition of Aetna

Dear Mr. Mucchetti:

I am writing regarding the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce's 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.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



Pat Fong Kushida
President & CEO
California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce

April 30, 2018

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

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Dear Director Rouillard:

On behalf of the California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce (CalAsian Chamber), I write in support for CVS Health's pending acquisition of Aetna, one of the nation's leading diversified health benefits companies.

Healthcare access and affordability are two factors of healthcare that can be directly impacted by market activity. Healthcare needs in California and across the country are changing. Chronic diseases are now creating tremendous costs and challenges to systems that are not equipped to handle them. One of the better ways to treat chronic diseases is to provide doctors and healthcare workers with more frequent engagement with patients.

The pending merger between CVS Health and Aetna will create an innovative new platform that not only improves communication, but will also lower healthcare costs, improve quality of care, and ultimately lead to better health outcomes for minority communities. Issues of healthcare accessibility are very important for California, especially for low-income communities and communities of color, some of which are predominantly APIs.

For these reasons, CalAsian Chamber supports the pending merger between CVS Health and Aetna.

Sincerely,



Pat Fong Kushida
President & CEO
California Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce