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Dear Mr. Mucchetti,

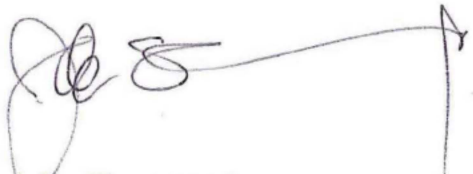
I am writing you regarding the proposed merger of CVS and Aetna. I urge you to block this merger.

Some years ago, when CVS merged with Caremark, the pharmacy benefit manager, there was talk of "firewalls" being put in place so that the CVS and Caremark businesses would not have undue influence on each other. Today, CVS-Caremark offers "preferred pharmacy" plans that incentivize patients to use CVS pharmacies by charging them lower copays at CVS than at competitor pharmacies.

I can see the same thing happening with CVS-Aetna. Soon there will be health care plans offered by this company that will incentivize patients to use CVS Minute Clinics as well as their pharmacies.

The anticompetitive nature of this merger is clear, and this merger should be stopped.

Sincerely,



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