



Town of Wethersfield

Peter Mucchetti
Chief, Healthcare and Consumer Products Section
Antitrust Division
United States Department of Justice
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Mucchetti:

As Town Councilman of Wethersfield and trial attorney, I am writing regarding my interest in the CVS Health acquisition of Aetna. Attached is a copy of a letter sent to the Connecticut Department of Insurance 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,

Anthony J. Spinella
Town Councilman



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September 13, 2018

Katharine L. Wade
Commissioner of CT Department of Insurance
153 Market St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Dear Commissioner:

As a Town Councilman and trial attorney, I am concerned with our nation's ever-complicated health care system. Many of my constituents in Wethersfield, especially our most vulnerable residents like seniors and low-income individuals, need better access to quality health care. Unfortunately, far too often the options fall short of their needs. A more comprehensive approach is necessary, and that is why I am excited to learn about the proposed merger between CVS and Aetna.

I am interested to see how effective such a combination would be. CVS's locations, patient counseling and support, as well as Aetna's footprint in the state, could lead to a whole new paradigm in the management of care. It may be particularly effective in improving access and empowering patients, which is key to prevention and lowering costs.

I am also in support of the merger in order to maintain jobs in the Greater Hartford region. Aetna is a major employer in the area, and this merger moving forward is important to ensuring that employee presence is maintained into the future. Furthermore, CVS has 175 locations and more than 4,600 employees statewide, so it would be good to support their business in Connecticut by providing new opportunities.

The two companies also pay tens of millions of dollars in state and local taxes, which helps build schools and roads and fund things like emergency services that make our communities better places to live. We should be encouraging this sort of revenue generation.

We cannot continue down the road we are on now as the health care system is simply not sustainable; sooner or later we will need a new approach to health care. The CVS-Aetna merger presents a compelling option that could very likely be a success, and it will help inform future approaches. It deserves your backing at this stage.

I hope you will come to the same conclusion and give the merger a chance to make a difference. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Spinella
Town Councilman