

June 22, 2018

Commissioner Dave Jones California Department of Insurance c/o Bruce Hinze, Attorney IV 45 Freemont Street 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94105

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RE: Aetna-CVS Merger

Dear Commissioner Jones:

My name is James L. McGhee, President and CEO of JLM Management Group, a San Francisco-based Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) professional services consulting firm specializing in strategic communications, community and public engagement and media and public relations.

I write to you as a small business owner, a board member of the California Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC), and as chair of the Small Business and Economic Development Committee of the San Francisco African American Chamber of Commerce (SFAACC). One of the core tenants of both CBCC and SFAACC is the advancement of the health and wellbeing of African American businesses in California and the African American community at large. This not only requires that we stay vigilant in supporting quality and affordable healthcare for all California residents, as well as culturally relevant healthcare programs and services, it also requires that we demand an active voice in the policy debate and a constant presence at the policy table. To that end, I am in support of the Aetna/CVS merger as it purports to provide the following:

- Give California healthcare consumers greater flexibility in accessing an array of quality healthcare services in local communities
- Revolutionize the healthcare experience in communities of color
- Address rising healthcare costs in a significant way

These changes in the healthcare industry and healthcare experience are both necessary and welcomed, and we look forward to playing a meaningful role in these timely developments.

Sincerely, James L. McGhee James L McGhee, President/CEO JLM Management Group jameslmcghee@earthlink.net