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Dear Mr. Wu and Ms. Gomez:

We are writing in response to your request for comment on the eligibility of Consumer Watchdog and the Consumer Federation of California Education Foundation to seek compensation in Department of Insurance proceedings pursuant to Insurance Code Section 1861.10.

Both Consumer Watchdog and Consumer Federation of California are leading organizations representing consumers for decades. There is no doubt they represent consumers, whether it is in public debate, in the legislature, or in regulatory proceedings. It is critical that there be effective public participation when insurance companies ask for rate increases to ensure that consumers pay fair rates for insurance. Participation by intervenors such as these two consumer organizations is vital to assist the Department and to balance advocacy by insurance companies seeking higher rates.

After decades of robust consumer participation and effective intervenor action, it is essential that the voices of Consumer Watchdog and Consumer Federation of California not be silenced. We urge that their eligibility be approved as it has been in all previous years.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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