

May 8, 1017

Mr. Stephen C. Taylor, Commissioner Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking 810 First Street NE #701 Washington, DC 20002

Re: 2011 CareFirst Surplus Review

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am pleased to submit my public comments on the proposed Consent Order regarding the 2011 CareFirst Surplus Review.

Breast Care for Washington is the only community-based breast cancer screening facility providing state of the art imaging and diagnostic services to medically underserved women in the District of Columbia, regardless of their ability to pay..

In reviewing the proposed Consent Order regarding the CareFirst 2011 surplus I support the terms of the order. A \$75 million community health investment over 10 years **is a significant commitment** by any entity and comes at a time when public and private foundations are reducing or restricting their financial investments into the health and well being of District residents. In my view the Consent Order as proposed is appropriate and will impact the overwhelming health needs within the District of Columbia where we continue to experience disparate health outcomes in chronic diseases and cancer among our residents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at bbeck@breastcaredc.org if I can be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO