

Dear Members of the Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking Committee,

The purpose of my note is to comment on you negotiations with Care First and their proposal to resolve their differences with the District of Columbia. I hope that you will accept their generous proposal so that they may continue to invest in the health and well-being of our local community.

As I understand it CareFirst has proposed to invest \$7.5 million a year for 10 years in grants to District-based organizations for health care related initiatives. As a leader of a non-profit multicultural and multiservice organization this would be a major boost into the local economy and a welcome investment over the next 10 years for our work. Currently many non-profit organizations in our region are facing very uncertain times. Many are preparing for significant loss in services if the new administrations' budget cuts go through. This is happening at a time when our low income African American and Latino clients are also dealing with significant health and mental health issues in their lives.

The LAYC has been a longstanding partner with CareFirst. CareFirst is our health care provider and we have been very well served. In addition to the grants that we receive, CareFirst has always stepped up as an awesome corporate partner. Members of their team have volunteered, they have donated supplies for our homeless youth "care packages", they have sponsored our annual breakfast and Gala, a member of their staff serves on our Board of Directors and so much more. We have developed strong and mutually respectful relationships with their highly professional team and we appreciate all that they do, not just for the LAYC, but for so many others.

I believe their proposal to invest \$75,000,000 into the local region over the next five years will significantly impact prevention and treatment services for our most vulnerable city residents and at the end of the day our community will be healthier and lives will be saved.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I hope that you accept their proposal and their investment into our local community will get underway. If you have any questions for me please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



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