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Group Insurance Board
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Dear Board Members:

I am opposed to the self-insurance medical plan that is currently being considered.

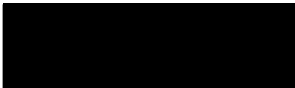
Based on the information available, this appears to be financially risky and a potentially expensive plan for the State to implement and run. I was especially unhappy to see that other states that have adopted self-insurance have had drastic or significant increases in the costs of medical insurance. I also believe this will have a detrimental effect on the very healthy medical providers in the state.

The Board has done an exceptional job of managing our ongoing health plans utilizing the competition among vendors in this state. According to reports that I have read, a move to self-insurance may reduce the number of health providers available to the general public and state employees, especially in the rural areas of our state. In addition, I understand that our current plan is one of the strongest plans (financially healthy).

Sincerely,



Joann Nichols





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Dear Ms. Nichols:

Thank you for taking the time to share your observations and feedback regarding the current structure of the state's group health insurance program and the evaluation of switching from a self-funded to self-insurance model.

Your letter will be shared with the Group Insurance Board along with other comments that we have received regarding this topic.

Sincerely,

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