

Letter 35

Department of Employee Trust Funds
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To the Members of the Group Insurance Board:

I am writing to express my profound frustration and disappointment with your decision to reinstate transgender exclusions in your Wisconsin group health insurance plans. I am sincerely concerned for my transgender friends and colleagues who will no longer be able to receive necessary medical treatments and procedures, and I fear the disastrous outcomes that will no doubt result from the loss of their health insurance coverage. To deny access to medically indicated treatment and to dismiss the transgender community's insistence that such treatment is anything but cosmetic or elective is, frankly, unconscionable. I trust that you will be receiving similar letters opposing this decision. I therefore implore you to consider the individuals that it will disenfranchise and the harm it will cause them, and to reinstate transgender treatment in the group health insurance plans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Natvig". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

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