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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my patients that have a diagnosis of obesity. Wisconsin ranks 25th in the country of the states that are impacted by obesity. Patients are in need of anti-obesity medications that are currently not covered by their insurance plan. 33.9% of people in Wisconsin are obese. Obesity is a complex chronic disease. Healthcare costs are 39.4% higher for people with obesity. People who are affected by obesity deserve access to affordable, individualized medical coverage for science-based treatments in the same way other chronic diseases are managed. These patients should be treated with dignity, respect, and equality that is offered to their peers. Healthcare coverage for obesity and weight management is inadequate and insufficient. Coverage varies significantly by each health plan. It is well recognized that obesity is a chronic illness associated with many related diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, renal disease, hyperlipidemia and hypertension. Obesity deserves the same treatment and attention as any other chronic illness.

Sincerely,

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