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Dear Group Insurance Board Members,

My name is MASSITAN COUMARE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] I've worked here for 3 years and am a proud member of WEAC, the largest labor union in Wisconsin with tens of thousands of members working across the state to provide a great education and support services to nearly 900,000 children and teens enrolled in our public schools.

I am writing today to respectfully request that this board immediately reconsider its past decision refusing to expand coverage for the latest FDA approved anti-obesity medications (AOMs) to ensure that Wisconsin public employee benefits reflect the importance of our work to the functioning of our state and the quality of life that encourages people to live, work, and raise families here. As you know, Wisconsin is a regional outlier in not providing these benefits to its public employees. Fundamental fairness, public health, budget and competitiveness as an employer of choice should dictate that Wisconsin join its peers in providing AOM coverage.

As a [REDACTED] I know first hand how good health and physical fitness is essential to provide care for the students we support. Many of our students with disabilities need physical care. I am also a provider for my family which relies on my income. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Obesity is a health care crisis and should be treated as such. Time is ticking on weight related diseases like diabetes and heart health complications among others. It will make sense to include AOMs in public employees health care. This will avoid expensive life time care after the onset of chronic weight related diseases. I hope you will consider the long term financial burden and the impact on families and the workforce of public employees. Preventive care and/or treatment will reduce the cost of health related services for all parties. It will provide us with the quality of life we all deserve.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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