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Dear Group Insurance Board Members,

My name is Vicki Shaffer and I retired after working in the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District for 32 years and have been a lifelong member of WEAC.

I am writing today to request that this board 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, future budget savings and competitiveness as an employer of choice should dictate that Wisconsin join its peers in providing AOM coverage where clinically indicated by one's health care provider.

During this time when public education is under attack, we should be doing everything in our power to improve the quality of life of educators and help retain educators.

Please do what is best for public employees, which ultimately is best for the children of Wisconsin. Vicki Shaffer