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\Dear Group Insurance Board Members,

My name is Jennifer Schneider and I'm a School Counselor in Viroqua, Wisconsin. I've worked here for 27 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 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.

I have no doubt that the cost of covering the weight-loss medication will be drastically less than the long-term care that will be required to treat the typical health conditions that accompany obesity (high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, stroke, etc) and their ancillary conditions.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schneider