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Dear Commissioner Donelon, I support the proposed acquisition of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BC/BS) by Elevance Health as a policy holder and a concerned citizen of Louisiana. BC/BS has done an excellent job in providing quality, affordable healthcare insurance, but now we have the opportunity to provide even better healthcare insurance opportunities to our State. The acquisition of BC/BS by Elevance Health will do this. Elevance has the systems to deliver healthcare innovation at a rate that BC/BS could not match on their own. Size does matter. The Accelerate Louisiana Initiative (ALI) is an additional benefit for our State. It will be an opportunity for Louisiana to move from the bottom of most quality-of-life measures. Daily I work with non-profit organizations working to improve Louisiana, and BC/BS Foundation has been a good partner in many cases. The ALI Foundation will have the resources to make a difference on the local level as well as for Louisiana and hopefully for our Country and beyond. BC/BS saw the need to move beyond the status quo and the acquisition by Elevance will do that. It is time for Louisiana to move forward, and I support fully the acquisition by Elevance. I ask the Louisiana Department of Insurance to speedily approve this transaction. Sincerely, Emily Hamner Concerned Citizen of Louisiana