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As a policy holder with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana, I am writing to express my concern about the sale of BCBSLA to Elevance Health and the intended or unintended consequences for subscribers such as myself as well as physicians, surgeons, hospitals, and other healthcare providers.

The details of the sale have not been clearly communicated to all 1.9 million policy holders, nor does every policy holder have an equal representation in voting for the future of our healthcare. I unfortunately fall into a large percentage of those "without" a voice.

With details still uncertain of how the sale will impact future premiums, access to providers, and how proceeds will be split between policy holders and a foundation, I urge you to consider the full implications of this sale on the future of Louisiana. With a State whose populations have proven to be high risk for cancer, diabetes, obesity, and cardiovascular disease, our dependence on affordable and quality healthcare is a necessity and a priority for all those that live in Louisiana.

I do trust the Department of Insurance will do its due diligence on this proposed buyout and will strongly consider the request to "Block the Sale."

Thank you for your time, your undivided attention, and your serious consideration regarding this important and critical event for the people of LA.

If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Kindest regards,

*Ruth M. Laporte*

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