

WASHINGTON AIDS PARTNERSHIP

June 16, 2014

The Honorable Chester A. McPherson
Acting Commissioner
Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking
810 First Street, N.E., Suite 710
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Acting Commissioner McPherson:

Washington AIDS Partnership is pleased to submit this letter of support for CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield. Managed by the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers (WRAG), the Washington AIDS Partnership (WAP) is a collaboration of grantmaking organizations that leads an effective private-sector response to HIV/AIDS in the Washington, D.C. metro area through grantmaking, technical assistance, policy initiatives, and youth development.

CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield has been an important partner in helping us achieve our goals of funding programs that support innovative prevention strategies, leverage government and private support, fund critical public policy efforts, and promote access to HIV care.

In advance of the upcoming hearing in June on CareFirst's reserves, I write this letter to provide you with information on how CareFirst's community mission and giving has directly and positively impacted our organization and the community that we serve.

Since 2011, Washington AIDS Partnership has received more than \$440,000 in grant funding to support the AmeriCorps program which focuses on providing needed resources to the leading HIV/AIDS organizations throughout the District of Columbia. Through their service the AmeriCorps program also develops new leaders in HIV/AIDS and related fields.

As you can see from the foregoing information, CareFirst's community giving has enabled our organization to better serve our community. If you need any further information on the impact that CareFirst's giving has had on our organization and community, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Channing Wickham
Executive Director