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I am a 73 year old Connecticut citizen, taxpayer and healthcare "consumer". There are two glaring issues concerning the proposed merger of the two giant health insurance companies and the current Insurance Commissioner.

The appearance of conflict of interest is so strong that anything less than Ms Wade recusing herself would be shocking.

I have lived through every change in healthcare in the USA since the 1940s. The current business of healthcare has been corrupted by the corporatization of health insurance companies, hospitals, pharmacies and physician groups. The patient has become the consumer and not by choice. The fact that health insurance companies control the cost of care is bad enough, but when stock holders reap the rewards and patients are expendable, what is a citizen to do? The passage of the Affordable Care Act was a step in the right direction. But until we have universal healthcare that is seamless and patient centered, breaking up insurance company monopolies is the place to begin.

Do not allow this merger to proceed and do not allow Ms Wade to be involved in this important decision.

Respectfully,  
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Sent from my iPad