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Please accept this email as a protest against Commissioner Wade's involvement in determining whether or not and under what circumstances this merger should occur.

Historically, these mergers have produced increased profits for the combined companies resulting from shrinking employee counts and increased product cost for their customers. It seems to me that one would be hard pressed to try to find someone with less apparent ability to be objective than Commissioner Wade with her history and family connections to CIGNA.

As a mediator, I once asked former Chief Justice John Speziale whether I needed to disclose a distant and tangential prior relationship with someone related to one of the parties in an upcoming mediation. His response was that if I needed to ask the question, I needed to disclose it.

I'm sure Commissioner Wade is a fine, bright and honest person but cannot believe that, as a function of her prior employment with CIGNA, her husband's present fairly high level employment there and her father-in-law's involvement as a lobbyist for CIGNA that this one is even a close call. I disclosed and my clients said there was no problem. There is a problem with Commissioner Wade.

The citizens of Connecticut will not be well-served by this pending merger and the concept of Commissioner Wade being involved in the review of the merger is objectionable. She not only has not fully disclosed her relationships in this matter, she has apparently failed to be truthful.

Even if she were able to be objective, her input will always be colored by the perception of her bias in this matter.

Sincerely yours,  
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