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FOUNDATION PRAISES SEVEN U.S. SENATORS FOR CALLING ON THE DOJ TO BLOCK PROPOSED HEALTH INSURER MERGERS

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut praises U.S. Senators Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Al Franken (D-MN), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), and Mazie Hirono (D-HI) for [calling on the Department of Justice \(DOJ\)](#) to block two proposed health insurer mergers currently undergoing review.

The Senators raised their concern to the Department of Justice over the proposed Aetna-Humana and Anthem-Cigna mergers, stating that it could threaten jobs, increase premiums, and decrease access to quality health care.

"We applaud Connecticut's Senator Blumenthal and his colleagues for calling on the Department of Justice to turn down these two health insurance mega-mergers. Evidence shows that such deals never benefit everyday people. It's about time that government regulators put the health and financial security of people first," said Lynne Ide, director of program and policy at Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut has [spoken out about](#) the perils of the Aetna-Humana and Anthem-Cigna mega-mergers since they were first proposed. Recently, the Foundation called on Connecticut's [Insurance Commissioner Katharine Wade to resign](#) in light of mounting evidence of her personal and professional conflicts of interest as a former Cigna lobbyist.

The full text of the Senators' letter sent to the DOJ is available [here](#), and Sen. Blumenthal's press release can be found [here](#).