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Please take into consideration the manner in which this has been presented-first as a "done deal", then as a "boon" to the citizens of Louisiana, touting the link to increased resources. There will be increased resources for the companies involved (more money), but less access to health care, less access to your personal physician, and greater premiums for our citizens. If it were a "good deal" for our citizens, there would be some support for it outside of the entities involved. I am also against the manner in which it has been presented to the public (and to those of us who will be voting on the issue). Many of these issues were addressed in the last few weeks by the Legislature, and each committee that looked at the issue expressed concerns. Blue Cross has long been a consistent and respected health care insurer in the state, and the people of Louisiana need a quality choice for health insurance. Elevance's track record shows the direction that they will take in Louisiana, and it is not one that anyone knowingly should want to take. I ask you to consider the facts-no one gains from this acquisition or merger, and I urge you to deny this request.