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Your Message	Please let this notice serve as my DISAPPROVAL for the sale of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA) to Elevance Health. Specifically as a State Reitreer, I am against using BCBSLA reserve funds, which exist in the first place due to premiums paid for by State employees, State retirees, and/or State agencies (as a fringe benefit to State employees) via premiums, and to which are in place to cover insurance claims and costs associated with State employees, State Retirees, and/or their dependents/spouses also covered under any particular plan, for the purpose of "establishing a \$3 billion

	<p>private foundation aimed at addressing health inequalities across Louisiana" (source: BCBSLA). A foundation of this description is intended to be used and available for ALL Louisianians. As such, it should be funded by ALL Louisianians via a dedicated budget line item, a statewide tax or fee, or similar. If BCBSLA can demonstrate the fiscal feasibility of this sale WITHOUT establishing the foundation, then I'm willing to reconsider my position. Therefore, I am asking that you disapprove this sale immediately on the grounds stated herein. Please contact me if you wish to discuss. Thank you for your attention in this matter. Have a good day.</p>
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