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Angela F. Braly President and Chief Executive Officer WellPoint, Inc. 120 Monument Circle Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Braly,

SEIU 521 represents 57,000 public and private sector workers throughout Central California in 17 counties. SEIU 521 members receive health benefits through WellPoint plans along with taxpayers in our communities where our members provide quality, valuable services.

We are disappointed to learn of WellPoint's support for organizations and politicians who promote anti-worker policies, including the reduction or elimination of collective bargaining rights and the repeal of healthcare reform. WellPoint's support of organizations such as American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) contradicts WellPoint's commitment to represent the best interests of its shareholders and customers.

WellPoint directly benefits from collective bargaining; it is through collective bargaining that we are able to negotiate for the healthcare benefits that our members receive. Many of these members receive their benefits through WellPoint plans through a combination of employer contributions that come out of our contract settlements and direct contributions from our members. WellPoint's billions come from the pockets of California workers and taxpayers. These profits should be used judiciously, not to promote extremist policies and politicians.

We call on WellPoint to immediately and permanently stop funding ALEC and anti-worker policies and politicians.

Sincerely,

Kristy Sermersheim Chief Elected Officer

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