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Office of State Ethics Opens Comment Period Concerning Participation of Connecticut Insurance Commissioner in Cigna/Anthem Merger

The Connecticut Office of State Ethics today is beginning a 30-day comment period in connection with a declaratory ruling petition from Common Cause CT regarding whether Insurance Commissioner Katharine Wade's participation in the Cigna/Anthem merger would violate the State's Code of Ethics. The deadline for submitting comments is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20, 2016.

At its regular meeting held on June 16, 2016 the Board voted unanimously to grant the petition to issue a declaratory ruling submitted by Cheri Quickmire, Executive Director of Common Cause of Connecticut. By law, a declaratory ruling constitutes a binding statement of agency law.

The 30-day comment period is an opportunity for comments (relevant facts, legal arguments, and opinions) from persons interested in this issue. Comments may be sent by email to ose@ct.gov or mailed or otherwise delivered to the Office of State Ethics at 18-20 Trinity Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106.

Submissions must be marked **Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2016-A**. All comments are "public records" and will be posted at www.ct.gov/ethics.

Petition for Declaratory Ruling
Requested by Cheri Quickmire, Common Cause CT

Notice of Intent to Issue Declaratory Ruling
Notice and Comment Period Instructions

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