

King, Cory (OHIC)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 3:41 PM
To: King, Cory (OHIC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Blue Cross Plan Increases

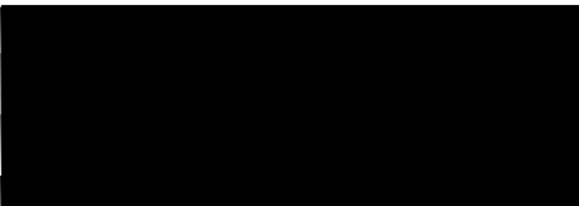
Dear Mr. King,





I am writing to you regarding the proposed outrageous 11.7% increase to the small business group medical plan by BlueCross Blue Shield of Rhode Island. At a time when all Rhode Islanders are facing excessive increases in gas prices, rent, property taxes, grocery bills, and utility bills, it is unconscionable to raise the Blue Cross rates by such a high amount. Those of us who work in small businesses cannot absorb these increases. We have customers that we provide products and services to just like Blue Cross does. If we tried to increase costs to our customers anywhere near 11.7%, we would quickly be out of business. I believe that in times like this it is most important that you advocate and fight for the workers in this State. Please do all that you can to stop this and do not allow BlueCross to receive their requested rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Clay Moore
Sales & Business Development Manager

BANANAGRAMS INC.



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King, Cory (OHIC)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 3:50 PM
To: King, Cory (OHIC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] :

Dear Mr. King,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed astronomical 11.7% increase to the small business group medical plan by BlueCross Blue Shield of Rhode Island. At a time when all Rhode Islanders are facing excessive increases in gas prices, rent, property taxes, grocery bills, and utility bills, it is unconscionable to raise the Blue Cross rates by such a high amount. Those of us who work in small businesses cannot absorb these increases. Please do all that you can to stop this and do not allow BlueCross to receive their requested rate increase.

Mr. King, I'm not sure if you've ever looked into the finer details. As a single mom to 1 child, out of pocket I am paying close to \$250 a WEEK for my daughter and I to have health insurance and this doesn't even cover the \$3600 deductible (per person) or Co-Pays for medication. My daughter is on asthma medication and the copay is \$75. \$75 dollars for life saving medication for my 5 year old. What is the breaking point Mr. King? Am i going to be forced to give up my job and go on welfare and state care because my medical expense is already over \$1000 each month out of pocket. Why don't we have the option to choose state care if we can't afford our employers medical plans? I want to work. I want to pay my own way for my family and I. Why is medical insurance the equivalent to rent?

Please Mr. King, please help us to control this. I am forced to work 30 hours doing deliveries on top of my 40 hour full time job just to support my daughter and I. I am begging you to put a stop to the increase. I can't afford it and I am only one of thousands in the same situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

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King, Cory (OHIC)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 3:07 PM
To: King, Cory (OHIC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : BCBS Increases

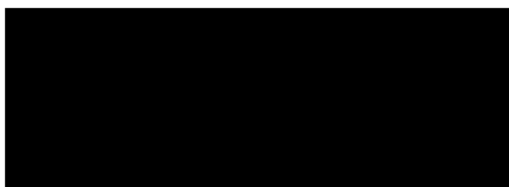
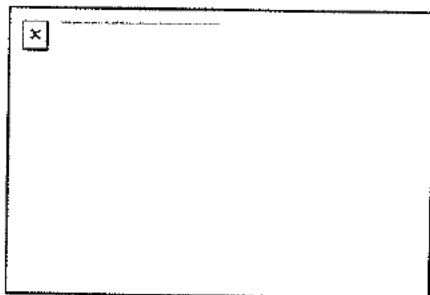
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

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Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Heather A. Moon

Heather Moon
Sales Administration Assistant
BANANAGRAMS INC.



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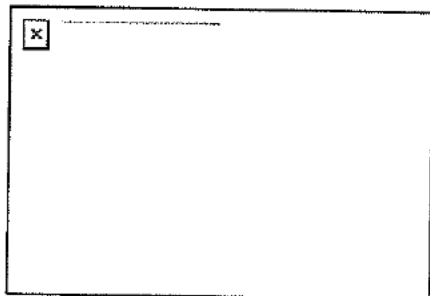
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 2:58 PM
To: King, Cory (OHIC)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] : Proposed Blue Cross Rate increases

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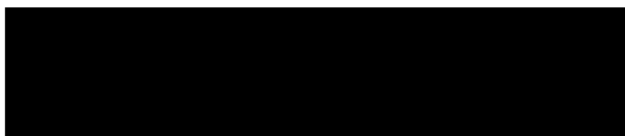
I am the Human Resources Manager at Bananagrams Inc., a small family owned game company employing 16 people in Providence Rhode Island. We have been in business for over a decade and have weathered many storms including the recent Covid-19 nightmare. I am writing to you on behalf of our employees, regarding the proposed astronomical 11.7% increase to the small business group medical plan by BlueCross Blue Shield of Rhode Island. At a time when all Rhode Islanders are facing excessive increases in gas prices, rent, property taxes, grocery bills, and utility bills, it is unconscionable to raise the Blue Cross rates by such a high amount. Those of us who work in small businesses cannot absorb these increases. It's not just the employees who can't pay their share. Our business is struggling with increasing cost of goods, taxes, and astronomical transportation rates while trying to remain profitable. We need you to do all that you can to stop this and to not allow BlueCross to receive their requested rate increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Beth Eustis



Beth Eustis
HR Manager
BANANAGRAMS INC.



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