



# Montgomery County Council

*From the office of Councilmember Tom Perez*

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## **Statement by Councilmember Tom Perez on the Rejection of CareFirst Sale**

“We applaud the Insurance Commissioner for his sound decision to deny the application of CareFirst. The conversion was not in the public interest.

“Our work is now half done. I am hopeful that the General Assembly will pass legislation to reform CareFirst so that it will return to its roots and truly fulfill its critical non-profit mission.

“This is also a victory for grassroots activism. A dynamite grassroots coalition defeated well-heeled lobbyists because we had the facts and the truth on our side.

“I am grateful to my colleagues on the County Council for unanimously supporting the resolution calling on the Insurance Commissioner to reject this merger.”

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