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Colleagues --

I have received a copy of a letter from John Forsyth, the chief executive of Wellmark, to Dean Merchant of the College of Public Health. The key paragraph says: "...[O]n behalf of the Wellmark Foundatoin, I am withdrawing the offer of a \$15 million gift to the University of Iowa Foundation for use by the College of Public Health. Unless and until there is unwavering support from both the College and University administrative leadership for a major gift as originally solicited by the College's Capital Campaign Committee Leadership, our gift will remain withdrawn."

Copies of this letter were sent to President Fethke, Provost Hogan, Marvin Pomerantz, John Colloton and two Wellmark executives, as well as to me as president of the Board of Regents.

I thought you would want to know this.

Best regards,

Michael