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February 18, 2025

Mr. Tim Wentworth
Chief Executive Officer
Walgreens/Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.
108 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

Re: Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 037-25

Dear Mr. Wentworth,

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