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**BY FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Gregory D. Wasson  
President & CEO  
Walgreens, Inc.  
200 Wilmot Road  
Deerfield, IL 60015

Dear Mr. Wasson:

I am President & CEO of National Action Network (NAN). NAN is a national civil rights organization that has been in the lead over the last 20 years advocating for justice, fairness and equality of opportunity. National Action Network was founded in New York City and maintains its National Headquarters there. For that reason and our general concern over access to affordable health care and prescription drugs, we have been monitoring the situation between Walgreens and Express Scripts.

As I am sure you will agree, this nation's efforts to ensure affordable access to all health care platforms has been vigorous and at times hotly debated. Given your position as the largest drug store chain in America and particularly your position in the New York region given Walgreens' acquisition of the Duane Reade's chain, I am very concern over the media reports that you are considering ending your partnership with Express Scripts. It is generally believed that such a move will result in higher out-of-pocket spending for your customers' prescription medication.

A failure to resolve any issues with Express Scripts will have a significant and detrimental impact on New York City residents locally; and nationally will significantly impact the elderly, union members, Medicaid prescriptions, other working poor and families of color. National Action Network urges you, in the strongest possible terms, to reconsider your current path and the signal that sends to our underserved, low-income communities that they are essentially second-class citizens and undesired at Walgreens.

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It also signals to the significant class of the 99% who live and work in the New York region and who will likewise experience further hardships with regard to managing their prescription drug health care options.

Yours in progress,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Al Sharpton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

Reverend Al Sharpton  
President & CEO

RAS:jn:cc:file  
cc: George Paz, President & CEO (Express Scripts)  
Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Board Chairman (NAN)

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