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Dear San Francisco Commission Streamlining Task Force:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify at City Hall on Wednesday, January 12, 2026. I am the Vice President of the Access Appeals Commission and I spoke about my understanding that you are recommending that the AAC be termed a committee of the Board of Permit Appeals and the effect it will have on our health insurance. It's my understanding that this is a benefit that's provided as long as members are serving on a board or commission, and I said I wished you had been more upfront about eliminating our health insurance as a reason you were demoting our small 5 person body to a committee in order to save expenses by the city.

After Commissioner Alyce Brown I spoke, you said that eliminating our health insurance benefit was never your intention and that you were just trying to create more efficiency for our work. Unfortunately, I fear eliminating our health insurance may be an unintended consequence of making us a committee unless you specifically require that members of the AAC retain their health insurance with this change of status. This will be especially important for several of our members who are disabled.

Another option that I think might be just as efficient would be to let this small body remain a commission as the tasks and management will be essentially the same as we would have as a committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Much appreciated. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Best regards,

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