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AMERICAN ACADEMY *of* ACTUARIES

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Director Michael McRaith  
Federal Insurance Office  
U.S. Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20220-0002

Re: Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance

Dear Director McRaith:

On behalf of the American Academy of Actuaries<sup>1</sup> (Academy), I write to request that you incorporate in the reconstituted Federal Advisory Committee on Insurance (FACI) a member or members of the actuarial profession through the Academy to facilitate greater effectiveness of FACI.

As stated in the *Federal Register* notice (1/9/14), the Federal Insurance Office (FIO) mandate of “monitoring all aspects of the insurance industry, including identifying issues or gaps in the regulation of insurers that could contribute to a systemic crisis in the insurance industry or the United States financial system” illustrates the need to have actuarial expertise serving on the committee. Leaders of the actuarial profession in the U.S., coordinated by the Academy, serve the public interest by working with policymakers to improve public policy and to maintain the high level of actuarial standards to which its members must adhere. While I recognize that no appointee of the FACI “represents” any organization that otherwise engages federal legislative and rulemaking, it is important that actuaries with strong ties to the Academy be considered.

The U.S. actuarial profession develops and maintains its high level of excellence and professionalism through its peer interactions: advising policymakers based on actuarial principles and methods while also educating and updating its membership on changing policies and improved techniques. Just as we have provided such objective insight to aid the FIO in the fulfillment of its charges on various issues, we have volunteers involved in other areas of federal, state, and international policy across the spectrum of FACI-relevant issues. An active connection between the FIO's advisory function and the U.S. actuarial profession's public policy and professionalism voice would serve the public interest in supporting the FIO in the fulfillment of its mission.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you additional contributions that actuaries might have for the FACI as it seeks broader perspectives of the insurance sector and, should you require

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<sup>1</sup> The American Academy of Actuaries is 17,500-member professional association whose mission is to serve the public and the U.S. actuarial profession. The Academy assists public policy-makers on all levels by providing leadership, objective expertise and actuarial advice on risk and financial security issues. The Academy also sets qualification, practice and professionalism standards for actuaries in the United States.

input on examining individual qualification criteria as you review applications, please feel free to contact the Academy through Craig Hanna, Director of Public Policy ([hanna@actuary.org](mailto:hanna@actuary.org) (202) 223-8196).

Sincerely,  
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