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Mr. Dale Bruggeman
Chair, Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group
National Association of Insurance Commissioners
Via Email: Julia Gann (jgann@naic.org)

Re: SSAP No. 101, Federal Income Tax Reform

Dear Mr. Bruggeman,

The Tax Work Group of the American Academy of Actuaries¹ would like to offer a suggestion on Exposure 2018-01, Federal Income Tax Reform. In the Statutory Accounting Principles (E) Working Group paper on the impact of the 2018 federal income tax changes on SSAP 101. The terms “life entities” and “non-life entities” are used. It should be clarified that “life entities” means insurance companies that qualify as life insurance companies under the federal tax code and “non-life entities” means insurance companies that do not qualify as life insurance companies under the federal tax code.

One way to handle this would be in a footnote the first time these terms appear. For example, a footnote could state, “Whenever the term ‘life entities’ is used, it means insurance companies that qualify as life insurance companies under the federal tax code and when the term “non-life entities” is used, it means insurance companies that do not qualify as life insurance companies under the federal tax code.”

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Ian Trepanier, Life Policy Analyst at the American Academy of Actuaries. (Trepanier@actuary.org).

Sincerely,

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