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Jonathan G. Katz
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450 Fifth Street, N.W.
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Re: SAFECO Corporation
File No. 1-6563

Dear Mr. Katz:

Pursuant to the Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission requiring the filing of sworn statements pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (File No. 4-460), we have enclosed the sworn statements of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of SAFECO Corporation.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the sworn statements by file-stamping the enclosed copy of this correspondence and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (206) 545-5000.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James W. Ruddy'.

James W. Ruddy
Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: Michael S. McGavick
Christine B. Mead

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**Statement Under Oath of Principal Financial Officer of SAFECO Corporation
Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings**

I, Christine B. Mead, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of SAFECO Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
- no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

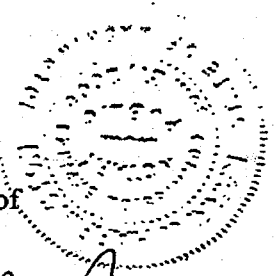
(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2001 on Form 10-K of SAFECO Corporation;
- all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of SAFECO Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
- any amendments to any of the foregoing.

CB Mead

Christine B. Mead
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Secretary
August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 14 day of
August 2002.



Kevin J. Helling
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 27, 2005

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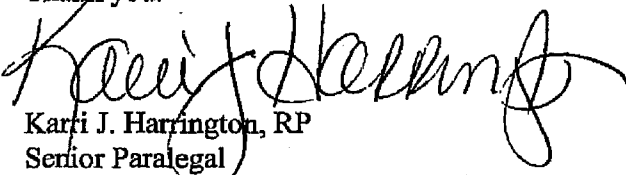
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Thank you.


Karri J. Harrington, RP
Senior Paralegal