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To whom it may concern:

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The New York Stock Exchange certifies its approval for listing and registration of the Depositary Shares, each representing a 1/1,000th interest in a share of 6.625% Fixed-Rate Reset Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B, of AMERICAN EQUITY INVESTMENT LIFE HOLDING COMPANY, under the Exchange Act of 1934.

Sincerely,