

Mail Stop 6010

April 13, 2009

Ramani Ayer
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.
One Hartford Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut 06155

**Re: The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.
Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
Filed April 3, 2009
File No. 1-13958**

Dear Mr. Ayer:

We have completed our review of your preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Riedler
Assistant Director

cc: Amanda Aquino
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.