

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.