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Dear Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Brosseau:

Re: Request for Comment Notice of Proposed Multilateral Instrument 52-109, Companion Policy 52-109CP Forms 52-109F1 Certification of Disclosure in Companies' Annual and Interim Filings We are submitting this comment in response to your request in the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 Ontario Securities Bulletin.<sup>1</sup> We have eagerly anticipated the release of your proposed multilateral instrument dealing with the certification of annual filings by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of reporting issuers.

Teachers' fully supports the efforts of the Securities Commissions to improve the disclosure system in Canada by requiring that each reporting issuer's principal executive officer and principal financial officer become actively involved in the preparation, evaluation and disclosure of the annual filings. We believe that the certification rules that you have proposed are appropriate and we agree that both annual and interim filings should be subject to the proposed certification representations. We also support the representations as they appear on Form 52-109F1 for annual filings and Form 52-109F2 for interim filings. We have no other comments since we believe that the proposed scheme is reasonable and fair to shareholders. We thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ontario Securities Commission Bulletin, June 27, 2003 Volume 26, Issue 26, Pages 4972 – 4988.