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Dear Stakeholder:

On behalf of the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators (CCIR), I am pleased to release a discussion paper entitled *Privilege and Whistle-Blower Protection* for review and comment by stakeholders. The CCIR Working Group on Privilege has prepared this document for CCIR to assist in a consideration of privilege and whistle-blower protection. The privilege under review is for documents related to self-assessments.

CCIR welcomes comments, specific suggestions and ideas regarding the matters considered in the paper. A copy of the discussion paper can be found on the CCIR web site (www.ccir-ccrra.org). We look forward to receiving your submissions by February 28, 2006.

Electronic submissions would be preferred. Please note that CCIR intends to publicly release all submissions received pursuant to this request for comments. They will be posted to the CCIR web site at the end of the submission period. If you do not want your submission or specific parts of your submission to be made public, we treat the submission, or the designated parts, as confidential to the limited extent permitted by law.

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Following a review by the responses received, if recommendations are made by the working group and adopted by CCIR, each province and territory would decide whether to implement them. It has been determined that the implementation of privilege and whistle-blower protection would require legislation.

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