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Mr. Ronald J. Pastuch, CPA
Holding Company Manager
Company Supervision Division
State of Washington
Office of Insurance Commissioner
5000 Capitol Blvd.
Tumwater, WA 98501

Re: Form A Statement regarding the proposed acquisition of NATIONAL MERIT INSURANCE COMPANY by TRINITY UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Dear Mr. Pastuch:

As a courtesy to the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner (the "Office"), please note that the Connecticut Insurance Department (the "Connecticut Department") closed Unitrin, Inc.'s and Trinity Universal Insurance Company's (collectively, the "Applicant") Form A Statement filed with the Connecticut Department regarding the acquisition of control of Connecticut Life and Casualty Insurance Company, Response Insurance Company, Response Worldwide Direct Auto Insurance Company, Response Worldwide Insurance Company and Warner Insurance Company (all Connecticut domestics) (the "Connecticut Form A") and scheduled a public hearing on the same for December 10, 2008 at 9:00 AM (East Coast Time). The hearing will take place in the Connecticut Department's offices located in Hartford, Connecticut. Enclosed please find a copy of the notice of the public hearing issued by the Connecticut Department.

The Connecticut Department informally communicated to the Applicant that they do not currently anticipate any material issues arising in connection with the hearing. The Connecticut Department also communicated that the hearing was scheduled for early-to-mid December with an eye toward (i) fulfilling Applicant's request for year-end review of the Connecticut Form A and (ii) facilitating a year-end closing of the transaction.

Applicant also takes this opportunity to reiterate its request for review of the Form A pending with the Office regarding the acquisition of control of National Merit Insurance Company (the "Washington Form A") by year-end, so as to further enable a year-end closing of the underlying transaction that is the subject of the Washington Form A. The Applicant is willing to meet with the Office and/or to provide additional information or assistance necessary to the Office in order to accomplish that objective.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Hrdlick', written in a cursive style.

Thomas R. Hrdlick

Enclosure

cc: Samuel L. Fitzpatrick

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF
CONNECTICUT LIFE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, RESPONSE
INSURANCE COMPANY, RESPONSE WORLDWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY,
RESPONSE WORLDWIDE DIRECT AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY, and WARNER
INSURANCE
COMPANY, Connecticut domiciled insurance companies

Notice is hereby given that the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Connecticut will conduct a public hearing on December 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in room 701 at the Connecticut Insurance Department, 7th Floor, 153 Market Street, Hartford, CT. The hearing will be conducted pursuant to sections 38a-129 through 38a-140, 4-166 through 4-184, as applicable, of the Connecticut General Statutes; and sections 38a-8-1 through 38a-8-104, and 38a-138-1 through 38a-138-16, as applicable, of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies. The hearing will include a period devoted exclusively to public comment. Persons interested in being designated a party or intervenor should consult sections 38a-8-48 and 38a-8-49 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies.

The public hearing is being held on the question of granting approval pursuant to section 38a-132(b)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes of the application filed by **TRINITY UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a property and casualty insurance company domiciled in Texas and UNITRIN, INC., an Illinois based, publicly held insurance holding company incorporated under the laws of Delaware** (“Applicants”), dated September 19, 2008 as amended and restated (the “Application”). The Application requests the Insurance Commissioner's approval, as required by section 38a-130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, of the proposed acquisition of control of **CONNECTICUT LIFE AND CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, RESPONSE INSURANCE COMPANY, RESPONSE WORLDWIDE INSURANCE COMPANY, RESPONSE WORLDWIDE DIRECT AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY, and WARNER INSURANCE COMPANY, Connecticut domiciled insurance companies** (collectively “Domestic Insurers”).

The proposed acquisition of control of the Domestic Insurers, if approved, will be effected pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of August 29, 2008 among among Trinity, James M. Stone (“Stone”), The Plymouth Rock Company Incorporated (“PRC”), Mory Katz (“Katz”), Morgan Stanley Capital Partners III, L.P., MSCP III 892 Investors, L.P., Morgan Stanley Capital Investors, L.P., D.R. Investors, L.P. and DR Investors II, L.P. (collectively “MetalMark” and with Stone, PRC, Katz, the “Selling Shareholders”). The official record of this proceeding, which includes a copy of the Application and the Agreement, is on file with the Connecticut Insurance Department, 153 Market Street, 7th floor, Hartford, Connecticut, and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, representatives of the Applicants and the Domestic Insurers as well as any other party or intervenor designated by the Insurance Commissioner pursuant to sections 38a-8-48 and 38a-8-49 of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies, and his appointed hearing officer, will appear and be heard concerning the consideration by the Insurance Commissioner of the Application. The public will, at the hearing officer's discretion and in accordance with

section 4-177c(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, be given an opportunity to comment on the Application with respect to the issues to be considered by the Insurance Commissioner. Written statements may also be submitted during the public comment portion of the public hearing or filed with the Insurance Department prior to the close of business on December 8, 2008, by mailing or delivering such statements to the Connecticut Insurance Department, P.O. Box 816, Hartford, CT 06142-0816, Attention: N. Beth Cook, Esq.

The Insurance Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services or activities, in accordance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids for communication or other accommodation are invited to make their needs known to Patti Tiberio at (860) 297-3932.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 21st day of November, 2008.

/s/Thomas R. Sullivan
Thomas R. Sullivan
Insurance Commissioner