

TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.
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To: Employee Shareholders of The Travelers Companies, Inc.

Enclosed are your proxy card and instructions for voting any shares of stock of The Travelers Companies, Inc. (the Company) held for your account in the Company s 401(k) Savings Plan.

By now, you also should have received an email with a link that allows you to view or download the following materials online: (1) the 2011 Annual Report of The Travelers Companies, Inc. and (2) the Company s Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement, dated April 10, 2012. Please refer to these materials when voting your shares.

If you have not received the e-mail regarding the Annual Report and the Proxy Statement, you may view or download them online at www.proxyvote.com. Also, you may request paper copies of both documents by sending an e-mail to Bob Bradshaw in Hartford or Amy Tauzell in Saint Paul. Please include your full name and mail code in the request.

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THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

2012 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

IMPORTANT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN

THE TRAVELERS COMPANIES, INC.

401(k) SAVINGS PLAN

Dear Participant,

As described in the proxy statement, the annual meeting of shareholders of The Travelers Companies, Inc. (the Company) will be held on May 23, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, at the Harford Marriott Downtown, 200 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103 (Annual Meeting). The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to consider and to vote upon the following matters:

- Election of the 12 directors listed in the proxy statement.
- Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for 2012.
- Non-binding vote to approve executive compensation.
- Shareholder proposal relating to political contributions and expenditures, if presented at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Please read the proxy statement as it contains important information concerning these matters.

The enclosed proxy card identifies the number of shares you are entitled to vote within the Company's 401(k) Savings Plan (Savings Plan). If you are also a shareholder of record, the number of shares you own of record on the books of our stock transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., is shown separately on the proxy card after the words Travelers Common.

Savings Plan

If you are a participant in the Savings Plan, you are entitled to vote shares of Company common stock held in the Savings Plan for your account as of the record date, March 26, 2012. To vote shares held in the Savings Plan for your account (which includes a Common Stock Fund), you must direct the trustee, Fidelity Management Trust Company, how to vote the shares.

Voting Instructions

The enclosed proxy card will serve as voting instructions to the trustee for the shares held for you through the Savings Plan. Alternatively, you may direct the trustee how to vote by using the same telephone or Internet voting procedures described on the enclosed proxy card. Your voting directions will be kept confidential.

All voting instructions for shares held for you under the Savings Plan, whether transmitted by mail, telephone or Internet, must be received no later than 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 21, 2012, in order to be processed in a timely manner.

- If your voting instructions with respect to shares held for you under the Savings Plan are not received by 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 21, 2012, the trustee will vote shares held for you under the Savings Plan in the same proportion as shares for which voting directions from other participants have been received by the trustee.

Questions regarding the voting of Company stock held in the Savings Plan should be directed to me at (917) 778-6828.

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Furman
Senior Vice President and
Corporate Secretary

To: Former Employee Shareholders of The Travelers Companies, Inc.

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