



## **The Shareholder Right to Act by Written Consent Proposal 4 Deserves Hartford (HIG) Shareholder Support**

According to state law The Hartford Financial Services Group (HIG) shareholders can have the right to act by written consent and the right to call for special shareholder meeting. Both rights allow shareholders to take action between annual meetings.

Shame on Hartford for suggesting that its shareholders limit themselves to one shareholder right when Hartford shareholders are entitled to 2 shareholder rights under state law.

It especially important for Hartford shareholders to have a right to act by written consent because Hartford shareholders have only an unattainable right to call for a special shareholder meeting. Hartford requires the backing of 25% of all shares outstanding to call for a special shareholder meeting.

The reason that the 25% figure is a too high is that more than 100 companies have had an opportunity to give one example of a special shareholder meeting ever taking place at a any company whatsoever that required 25% of shares to call for a special shareholder meeting.

Not one of these 100+ companies have ever cited even one example of a special shareholder meeting ever actually taking place where the requirement was 25% of shares. Management likes the 25% figure because it knows the 25% figure is a safe figure for management entrenchment and a special shareholder meeting will never take place.

Hartford then made it even more difficult for its shareholders to call for a special shareholder meeting by disqualifying all shares not owned for a full continuous year. Thus it could take 40% of the remaining Hartford shares to call for a special shareholder meeting to equal 25% of the HIG shares outstanding. Not one of the above 100+ companies ever claimed a special meeting actually took place at any company whatsoever when all shares not owned for at least one continuous year were disqualified.

It is important to adopt a shareholder right to act by written consent because the current

Hartford right to call for a special shareholder meeting is unattainable based on 2 separate prongs – unfortunate negative redundancy against an important shareholder right.

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Notice of Exempt Solicitation

Name of Registrant: The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (HIG)

Title: Shareholder Right to Act by Written Consent

Meeting Date: May 20, 2026

Name of person relying on exemption: John Chevedden, HIG Shareholder since 2021

Address of persons relying on exemption: POB 2673, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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