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May 9, 2006

TO: All Shareholders

This letter will serve as clarification of the record date of the 2006 Annual Stockholders Meeting for American Equity Investment Life Holding Company. The record date reflected in proxy statement should be April 7, 2006.

We apologize for the typographical error in the proxy statement. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Investor Relations Department.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Richardson,  
Secretary

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