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Ms. Leslie Seidman
Chair
Financial Accounting Standards Board
401 Merritt 7
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Norwalk, CT 06856

Re: Investment Property Entities and Investment Companies Exposure Drafts (“EDs”)

Dear Ms. Seidman,

CFA Institute¹, in consultation with its Corporate Disclosure Policy Council (“CDPC”)², appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Financial Accounting Standards Board’s (“FASB” or “Board”) following Proposed Accounting Standards Updates (the “Proposed Updates”):

- *Real Estate – Investment Property Entities (Topic 973)*
- *Financial Services – Investment Companies (Topic 946): Amendments to the Scope, Measurement, and Disclosure Requirements*

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CFA Institute urges the FASB to extend the comment letter deadline for the Proposed Updates to February 15, 2012. Given the complexities and interrelated nature of the Proposed Updates we believe more time is needed to thoroughly analyze the proposals, fully understand their impact on various entities, comprehend the comparability issues that may arise when contrasted with the IFRS Exposure Draft on *Investment Entities* and IAS 40, *Investment Properties*, and assess the overall implications for the investment community.

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A revised deadline of February 15, 2012 will provide constituents with the time needed to provide thoughtful and meaningful feedback.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss, please contact Mohini Singh, ACA, by phone at +1.434.951.4882, or by e-mail at mohini.singh@cfainstitute.org.

Sincerely,

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