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Dear Client:

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If we think of life insurance payments as 'uncompensated losses', then 'yes', perhaps life insurance may seem like an endless money pit. However, if life insurance payments are viewed as both an investment *and* risk protection, then the cost is seen in a more positive light, useful in the present & future.

So, how are some life insurance policies a present & future investment?

1. Life insurance is *financial security* for a family or loved ones. Upon the passing of the insured, the life insurance benefit is paid out to the beneficiary (ies)

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- 2. Life insurance provides *risk coverage*. Upon the *untimely* passing of the insured, the life insurance benefit is paid out to the beneficiary (ies) which helps to ease the financial stress of the remaining family members and/or loved ones.
- 3. Life insurance provides a *tax-free death benefit.* Upon the passing of the insured, beneficiaries receive a tax-free death benefit.
- 4. Life insurance is a way to *save money regularly*. In order to keep most life insurance policies in effect, premiums need to be submitted on a regular basis and could be used in the present or future.
- 5. Life insurance could be viewed as a *savings account*. In many life insurance policies, money can be drawn from the accumulated cash value if the insured outlives his/her life expectations.
- 6. Life insurance, with an appropriate rider in specific policies, can provide *Long Term Care benefits*, so, if the need for long term care arises, the insured has coverage.

Most life insurance policies can be viewed as investments *and* risk protection, however, the specific type of policy or combination of policies and the coverage amounts will vary based on each individual's and/or family's unique situation.

What is the difference between various life insurance policies?

- 1. <u>Term Life:</u> An insurance policy that covers an individual for a specified period of time and at a specified death benefit. Premiums are usually lower and the policy expires upon the end of the time frame. Premiums usually are forgone. The death benefit is tax-free.
- 2. Whole Life: An insurance policy that covers an individual for his whole life up to a specified death benefit. Premiums are higher than term insurance but



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- money can be withdrawn from the accumulated cash value in the policy before the passing of the insured. The death benefit is tax-free.
- 3. **Variable Life:** An insurance policy similar to whole life but allows for the placement of premiums in a 'separate account' in which there are more investment choices. Premiums are higher than term insurance but money can be withdrawn from the accumulated cash value in the policy before the passing of the insured. The death benefit is tax free.
- 4. <u>Universal Life:</u> An insurance policy similar to whole life but allows for flexibility in premium payments as well as the death benefit. Premiums vary and money can also be drawn from the accumulated cash value in the policy before the passing of the insured. The death benefit is tax free.

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