

CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
Form 40-17G  
May 15, 2008

CORNERSTONE TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.  
CORNERSTONE STRATEGIC VALUE FUND, INC.  
CORNERSTONE PROGRESSIVE RETURN FUND  
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Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Judiciary Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the requirements of Rule 17g-1(g)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (the "1940 Act"), I enclose herewith the following:

1. a copy of joint fidelity bond for the following Funds (attached as EX-99.1):
  - o Cornerstone Total Return Fund, Inc. (File No. 811-02363)
  - o Cornerstone Strategic Value Fund, Inc. (File No. 811-05150)
  - o Cornerstone Progressive Return Fund (File No. 811-22066)  
(hereafter defined as the "Fund" or collectively the "Funds")
2. certified copy of the resolutions of a majority of the Boards of Trustees/Directors who are not "interested persons" of each Fund approving the amount, type, form and coverage of the bond and the premium paid (attached as EX-99.2);
3. a statement showing the amount of the single insured bonds which the Funds would have provided and maintained had they not been named as the insured under a joint insured bond (see EX-99.3);
4. a copy of the binder agreement stating the effective date of the bond as well as the limit of coverage (attached as EX-99.4);
5. a statement setting forth the period for which the premium has been paid (attached as EX-99.5); and
6. a copy of the agreement between each Fund entered into pursuant to an agreement of the joint insured (attached as EX-99.6).

Very truly yours,

/s/ Kayadti A. Madison

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Kayadti A. Madison  
Treasurer

Enclosures