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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

(Rule 14a-101)

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities
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FirstMerit Corporation

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Akron, Ohio 44308

December 22, 2008

Dear Shareholder:

According to our latest records, we have not yet received your proxy for the important Special Meeting of FirstMerit Corporation Shareholders to be held on January 5, 2009. **Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that shareholders vote their shares FOR all of the items on the agenda.**

Since approval of Proposal 1 requires the affirmative vote of the holders of Common Shares entitled to exercise at least two-thirds of the voting power of the Corporation, **your vote is important**, no matter how many or how few shares you may own

If you fail to vote your shares it will have the same effect as a vote AGAINST Proposal 1.

Please help FirstMerit avoid the expense of further solicitation by voting TODAY by telephone, *via* the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Thank you for your continuing support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Greig".

Paul G. Greig
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

REMEMBER:

**You can vote your shares by telephone, or *via* the Internet.
Please follow the instructions on the enclosed card.**

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting
your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

**INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED
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