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PLEASE VOTE YOUR PROXY TODAY

April 18, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

According to our latest records, we have not yet received your voting instructions for the Special Meeting of Stockholders of Ares Capital Corporation to be held on Monday, May 14, 2018. Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold. If we do not receive your vote, we may have to adjourn and continue to request stockholder participation to reach a required quorum.

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 27, 2018, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **FOR** the proposal. **Please vote via the internet** <u>at www.proxyvote.com</u> as soon as possible or alternatively, please sign, date, and return the enclosed proxy card.

Please understand that it is critical that we receive your vote so that we may complete the business of the Special Meeting of Stockholders.

If you need assistance voting your shares, please call D.F. King toll-free at (866) 796-7186 or collect at (212) 269-5550. On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

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Sincerely,

Michael J Arougheti Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors Bennett Rosenthal Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors