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# Dear Global Clients & Business Partners,

At Loomis Sayles, we firmly believe that climate change is one of the most important global issues of our time. We are happy to see that governments, businesses and civilians around the world are mobilizing to change course and address climate change. This response has, and will continue to, impact global financial markets.

We understand that our clients are looking to us and their other asset managers for perspectives on this issue as they address climate change in the context of their own investment policies.

While at Loomis Sayles each of our investment teams has unique philosophies and investment processes, we have developed a set of shared principles that will guide the investment approach taken toward climate change going forward. These principles are:

**We agree with the overwhelming scientific data that human activity is contributing to climate change and we see the need for bold action on a global scale.** Governments, corporations and individuals must respond to this growing threat. The need to meet the real and serious challenge inherent in climate change presents critical risks and investment opportunities across all asset classes. At this point in history, we anticipate a time of sweeping change.

**Material climate change considerations are inherently part of our investment decision making.** Each investment team considers climate change integration according to its investment philosophy. To support our investment teams, we are committed to providing education on a growing set of climate data and transition scenario analysis tools.

**Direct engagement is an integral part of our fundamental analysis across all asset classes.** As a fiduciary and a good steward of our clients' capital, we are unequivocally focused on all investment risks and opportunities, including climate. This means that we must regularly engage with issuers to assess their climate impact, policies and risks.

We hope sharing these guiding principles will help inform your important and ongoing work related to climate change in your investments. While the investment implications from climate change are moving rapidly, we look forward to continuing to work with you on this important issue.

Kind Regards,



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Chairman & CEO