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Re: The First Trust Combined Series 397
(File No. 333-180035) (CIK No. 0001532888)

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 497(j) of Regulation C under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") this letter serves to certify that the most recent amendment to the registration statement on Form S-6 for the above captioned Trust does not differ from that which would have been filed pursuant to Rule 497(b) of the Securities Act. Amendment No. 1, which was the most recent Amendment to the Registration Statement, was filed electronically with the Commission on April 24, 2012.

Very truly yours,
The First Trust Combined Series 397, Registrant

By: FIRST TRUST PORTFOLIOS L.P., Depositor