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#### PUTNAM PREFERRED INCOME FUND

CIK: **730178** | IRS No.: **042811116** | State of Incorpor.: **MA** | Fiscal Year End: **1230**  
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