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**PUTNAM TAX EXEMPT INCOME FUND**

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the Chairman

A special letter to shareholders of the Putnam Texas Tax Exempt  
Income Fund

April 15, 1994

Dear Shareholder,

We thank you for returning your completed proxy for the Putnam  
Texas Tax Exempt Income Fund.

According to our records, you elected to vote against the  
approval of the proposed reorganization with the Putnam Tax  
Exempt Income Fund. We would like to be sure that you are fully  
aware of the implications of this decision.

Your Fund's trustees have unanimously approved the proposed  
reorganization outline in the proxy statement. Approval of the  
proposal requires a two-thirds vote of the outstanding shares at  
the shareholder meeting scheduled to be held on May 5, 1994. If  
that percentage is not attained, the meeting may be adjourned  
until a larger number of shareholders vote their proxies, which  
in turn may result in additional costs to the fund for further  
mailings.

We appreciate your prompt response to our initial mailing.  
However, we request that you reconsider your decision to abstain  
and instead vote your shares in favor of the Trustees' proposal.  
You may do so simply by completing and signing the enclosed card  
and returning it in the postage paid envelope provided. Your  
current vote will remain in effect if you do not return the  
enclosed card.

We urge you to call one of our service representatives toll-free  
at 1-800-225-1581 weekdays from 8:30a.m. to 8:00p.m. Eastern time  
if you would like further information regarding the proposal.  
Thank you for giving this important matter concerning your Fund  
such serious consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

George Putnam  
Chairman

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