

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME OPPORTUNITIES TRUST

Form 425

December 21, 2004

OUTBOUND TELEPHONE SCRIPT

Good (morning, afternoon, evening), can I please speak with _____ ?
(Mr./Ms.) _____ , my name is (full name) and I am calling on behalf
of your investment with the Putnam _____ Fund. I wanted to confirm
that you have received the proxy material for the shareholder meeting
scheduled to take place on January 13, 2005. Have you received it?

If YES: Great. As a convenience to you, I can go ahead and record your
voting instructions over the phone if you would like. Your Board of
Trustees is recommending a vote in favor of the proposal. Would you
like to vote along with the recommendations of your Board? Thank you.
I am recording your _____ vote. For confirmation purposes, may I
please have your city, state, and zip code? Thank you. You will
receive written confirmation of your voting instructions in the mail.

If NO: Sorry to hear that. I can have another package sent out to you.
(Mr./Ms.) _____, to insure that we have your correct address, may I
please have your city, state, and zip code? Okay, thank you. You will
receive the material shortly. Once you receive the material you can
contact us to answer any questions you may have and also to issue your
vote right over the phone, rather than mailing back the proxy card. If
you have a pen or pencil handy, I'll leave you with our toll-free
number. That number is 1-800-780-7316.

For REVIEW: If you would like, I can review the meeting agenda with you
right now and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.
Would you like me to do so?

If they don't wish to vote: When you have a few moments, please review
the proxy material and vote your shares by contacting us directly
toll-free at 1-800-780-7316. You may also log on to the website listed
on your proxy card, or sign the proxy card and mail it in the enclosed
envelope.

FOR ALL CALLS: (Mr./Ms.) _____ , your vote is very important and your
time is greatly appreciated. Thank you and have a nice (morning,
afternoon, evening).

The Putnam Funds

There is still time to vote on a proposal that affects your mutual fund!

Dear Shareholder:

You recently received a proxy statement requesting your vote on a
proposal that affects the management of your Putnam fund. Our records
show that we have not yet received your completed ballot. We have
included another copy of the proxy ballot and a postage-paid return
envelope for your convenience. As you may know, action on your part
saves the funds money.

Your vote is important to us. We appreciate the time and consideration I

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am sure you will give this important matter. If you have any questions about the proposal, please call 1-800-780-7316 or consult your financial advisor.

Sincerely,

John A. Hill, Chairman

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