

PIONEER HIGH INCOME TRUST
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Dear Shareholder:

As you may know, the Board of Trustees of Pioneer High Income Trust has called an Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 2:00 p.m. on September 22, 2009. At this Annual Meeting shareholders will be asked to elect three class I trustees (two by holders of common and preferred shares voting as a single class and one by holders of preferred shares voting as a separate class) to serve on the Board of Trustees for a three year term or until a successor is elected; and to approve an Amended and Restated Management Agreement with Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.

The Trustees have concluded that the proposals are in the best interests of your fund and its shareholders. The Trustees unanimously recommend that you vote "FOR" both proposals.

THE FUND'S RECORDS INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE YET TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSALS. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT NOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE SO THAT YOUR SHARES MAY BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Another copy of your proxy ballot is enclosed for your convenience. Should you have any questions regarding the proposals or need assistance voting your shares, please call 1-800-232-1064 Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time to speak with a live representative.

To vote your shares, the following voting options have been set up for your convenience.

1. Vote by Phone. You may cast your vote by phone by calling 1-800-690-6903.
2. Vote Through the Internet. You may cast your vote using the Internet by logging into the Internet address located on the enclosed proxy ballot and following the instructions on the website.
3. Vote by Mail. You may cast your vote by signing, dating and mailing the enclosed proxy ballot in the postage paid return envelope provided.

Again, please do not hesitate to call toll-free 1-800-232-1064 if you have any questions regarding this Annual Meeting.

Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

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