CLASS A COMMON STOCK THE CATO CORPORATION

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints John P. D. Cato and Christin J. Reische, and each of them, with full power of substitution, attorneys and proxies to appear and vote, as indicated on the reverse side of this card, all of the shares of Class A Common Stock of The Cato Corporation that the undersigned would be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of The Cato Corporation to be held on May 20, 2021 and at any and all adjournments thereof. The Board recommends a vote FOR the following items:

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF

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May 20, 2021

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