THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

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To: Federal Open Market Committee

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Subject: Revised staff proposal for reinvestment policy

In consultation with the Chair, we are circulating a revised staff proposal for changing the Committee's reinvestment policy for consideration during the reinvestment go-round (item 4 of the meeting agenda). This proposal implements a gradual and predictable process of normalization of the size of the balance sheet through a sequence of increasing caps on redemptions and maintains the fully phased in caps throughout the normalization of the size of the balance sheet. During the goround, policymakers may wish to provide their views on this revised proposal, as suggested by the questions for discussion circulated in our memo dated April 21, 2017.