Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

The Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) expresses strong support for the ESG Disclosure Package in the form of the H.R. 1187 Corporate Governance and Investor Protection Act. The United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) is the world’s leading initiative on responsible investment. The PRI has over 4,000 signatories (pension funds, insurers, investment managers and service providers) globally with approximately US $103 trillion in assets under management.

Investors need consistent, comparable and standardized disclosure of ESG data to make informed investment decisions, reduce portfolio risk and participate effectively in the proxy voting process. Recently, the PRI conducted a survey of our US signatory base, which found that 87.5% of survey participants agreed that climate and ESG reporting should be mandatory and standardized, as is currently the case with financial reporting. The bills considered under the Corporate Governance and Investor Protection Act would help meet this investor demand for mandated ESG disclosure and comparable issuer data.

The PRI has previously endorsed the ESG Disclosure Simplification Act and the Climate Risk Disclosure Act and welcomes their inclusion in the Corporate Governance and Investor Protection Act. The ESG Disclosure Simplification Act would require issuers to disclose certain ESG metrics to shareholders, the connection between those metrics and the issuer’s long-term business strategy, as well as require the SEC to require issuers disclose ESG metrics in audited financial statements. The Climate Risk Disclosure Act would provide clarity on disclosures needed in relation to climate change, enabling global investors to better understand climate-related physical and transition risks.

Because investors increasingly work to account for the climate and other ESG-related risks in their portfolios, it is paramount to support investor engagement with corporate leadership and ensure they have access to decision-useful information on business activities. The PRI’s own research shows that investors consider executive pay and pay inequities a priority when it comes to investment decisions. Corporate tax responsibility is also an important systemic issue that investors seek to address. Furthermore, investors are increasingly interested in company disclosure of political spending and are aware of the potential risks associated with corporate political activities. The PRI is encouraged to see the inclusion of compensation, tax, and political spending disclosure, which are increasingly relevant to investor decision making.

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Yours sincerely,

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