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The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020 includes key provisions affecting IRA owners. Here are some of the most significant provisions to the CARES Act, which may impact your Northeast Investors Trust (the "Trust") IRA:

**REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION ("RMD")**

The RMD obligation for the 2020 calendar has been suspended. This includes those who attained age 70 ½ in 2019 and delayed their distribution until April 1, 2020, those attaining age 72 in 2020 and beneficiaries of both Traditional and Roth IRAs.

For certain beneficiaries of inherited IRAs who are subject to the 5-year distribution rule, the 2020 distribution can be disregarded. Those beneficiaries now have a total of six years to conclude their distributions.

If you recently took your 2020 RMD, you may be eligible for the 60-day rollover rule that permits you to deposit these funds to an eligible IRA.

If you participate in the Trust's automated RMD program and wish to suspend your 2020 automated RMD payment, please use the enclosed RMD Suspension Form.

**PENALTY FREE WITHDRAWALS**

Certain individuals impacted by coronavirus may take a penalty-free withdrawal up to \$100,000. Those eligible include:

- 1) those who have been diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 or Covid-19 (including a spouse or dependent);
- 2) those who have experienced "adverse financial consequences" from reduced work hours, layoffs, furlough, closing or reduced hours of a business owned or operated by the IRA owner, the inability to work due to lack of childcare or other factors as determined by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The income tax treatment of these withdrawals does not change, although the income may be spread ratably over a 3-year period. Additionally, if the distribution is repaid within 3 years you may be eligible for a refund of previously paid taxes.

**EXTENSION OF THE 2019 CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE**

In conjunction with the extension of the 2019 federal income tax filing deadline, 2019 IRA contributions may be made up until June 15, 2020.

Please call the Trust at the above number should you have any questions regarding this new legislation.

Sincerely,

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### 2020 Automated Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) Suspension Request

The [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#), signed into law on March 27, 2020 contains a provision which allows for the suspension of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from IRAs or other tax-deferred accounts for the 2020 calendar year only.

You are currently a participant in Northeast Investors Trust’s (the “Trust”) automated RMD program for 2020 and if you do **not** wish to take your distribution, please sign this form and return to the Trust at the above address before 11/20/20. Please note that if you elect to suspend your automated RMD for 2020, all future distributions will continue to be made unless directed otherwise. If you fail to notify the Trust of your intent to suspend your automated distribution, the Trust will process your RMD as requested.

If you wish to receive your RMD for 2020, Northeast will calculate and make the distribution to you as scheduled and you are **not** required to notify Northeast Investors Trust if this is your intent.

I am currently enrolled in the Northeast Investors Trust automated RMD system used for calculating and distributing my annual RMD. Please suspend my RMD payment for 2020 and resume it using the existing instructions in 2021.

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Signature

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Account Number

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Date