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**Important 2011 tax information for investors in the TIAA-CREF Tax-Exempt Bond Fund.**

Dear Investor:

You have received this letter because it may contain specific information about your investment in the TIAA-CREF Tax-Exempt Bond Fund.

Tax-exempt interest earned is reportable in the same manner as taxable interest, on Form 1099-INT. We are required to report to you and the Internal Revenue Service all tax-exempt dividend income on Form 1099-INT. If you received a Form 1099-INT, your tax-exempt dividends will appear in Box 8 on the form, and the amount subject to alternative minimum tax will appear in Box 9.

In order to calculate your portion of earned income that may be exempt from state income tax, please refer to the year-end statement mailed to you earlier this month showing your account earnings year-to-date. Multiply the total dividends from the Tax-Exempt Bond Fund by the corresponding percentage on the table that appears on the back of this letter to arrive at the portion of your total distributions that may be exempt from income taxes in your state of residence. In addition, some states may allow an exemption for Puerto Rico, the percentage for which is also listed.

The Form 1099-B reflects proceeds from any fund share redemptions and exchanges in 2011, and the Average Cost Statement reflects the gain or loss and holding period associated with these transactions.

For further information, please see the Form 1040/1040A instructions or consult your professional tax advisor.

**Please keep in mind that we are providing this tax information as a service and it should not be considered tax advice. For your specific situation, we recommend you consult a professional tax advisor. This letter is for your information only and has not been furnished to the Internal Revenue Service. Please retain this document for preparation of your tax return.**

If you have any questions, please contact our Planning and Service Center at **800 223-1200**. Representatives are available to assist you Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. (ET).

Sincerely,

TIAA-CREF Funds

State	Dividend percentage
Alabama	1.19%
Alaska	0.25%
Arizona	2.20%
Arkansas	0.84%
California	13.70%
Colorado	1.84%
Connecticut	0.34%
Delaware	0.12%
District of Columbia	0.24%
Florida	7.90%
Georgia	1.73%
Hawaii	0.08%
Illinois	8.38%
Indiana	4.29%
Kentucky	0.15%
Louisiana	0.84%
Maine	0.24%
Maryland	0.08%
Massachusetts	2.34%
Michigan	3.79%
Minnesota	0.49%
Mississippi	1.37%

State	Dividend percentage
Missouri	0.65%
Nebraska	0.54%
Nevada	0.54%
New Hampshire	0.02%
New Jersey	4.76%
New York	8.66%
North Carolina	1.35%
Ohio	4.38%
Oklahoma	0.12%
Oregon	0.16%
Pennsylvania	4.15%
Puerto Rico	7.22%
Rhode Island	0.91%
South Carolina	1.17%
South Dakota	0.15%
Tennessee	2.97%
Texas	6.09%
Utah	0.36%
Virginia	0.70%
Washington	1.68%
Wisconsin	0.89%

Please note that for residents of Illinois and Minnesota, income received from the Tax-Exempt Bond Fund is normally subject to individual state taxation.