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**UNITED STATES
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ARES CAPITAL CORPORATION

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THE ANNUAL MEETING IS JUST DAYS AWAY
PLEASE VOTE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD TODAY

May 8, 2018

Dear Stockholder:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ares Capital Corporation is less than one week away and we have not yet received your voting instructions for the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, May 14, 2018. **Your vote is extremely important, no matter how many shares you hold. If we do not receive your vote, we may have to adjourn and continue to request stockholder participation in order to obtain enough votes to approve the proposals.**

For the reasons set forth in the proxy statement, dated March 27, 2018, the Board of Directors recommends that you vote **“FOR”** all director nominees in Proposal 1 and **“FOR”** Proposal 2. **Please understand that it is critical that we receive your vote so that we may complete the business of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.**

Using the control number provided on the enclosed proxy card, please vote via the internet at www.proxyvote.com as soon as possible.

If you need assistance voting your shares, please call D.F. King toll-free at (866) 796-7186 or collect at (212) 269-5550. On behalf of your Board of Directors, thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Sincerely,

Michael J Arougheti
Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors

Bennett Rosenthal
Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors

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