BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2018
(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)





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Certified Public Accountants

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Ascensus Investment Advisors, LLC, Administrator ABLE Consortium Trust Newton, Massachusetts

### **Report on the Basic Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position of the **ABLE Consortium Trust** (the Trust), as of and for year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Basic Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these basic financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these basic financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the basic financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the basic financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the basic financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the basic financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to on the preceding page present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Trust as of June 30, 2018, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As more fully disclosed in Note 1 to the financial statements, these basic financial statements present only the fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position of the Trust as of June 30, 2018. These basic financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present the fiduciary net position or changes in fiduciary net position of the Member Plans participating in the Trust. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 through 14 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, as it is considered to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information in management's discussion and analysis because the limited procedures we performed do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Trust's basic financial statements. The supplementary Trust investment information on pages 24 through 27, the supplementary investment option information on pages 28 through 31, and supplementary Member Plan information on pages 32 through 39 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements of the Trust. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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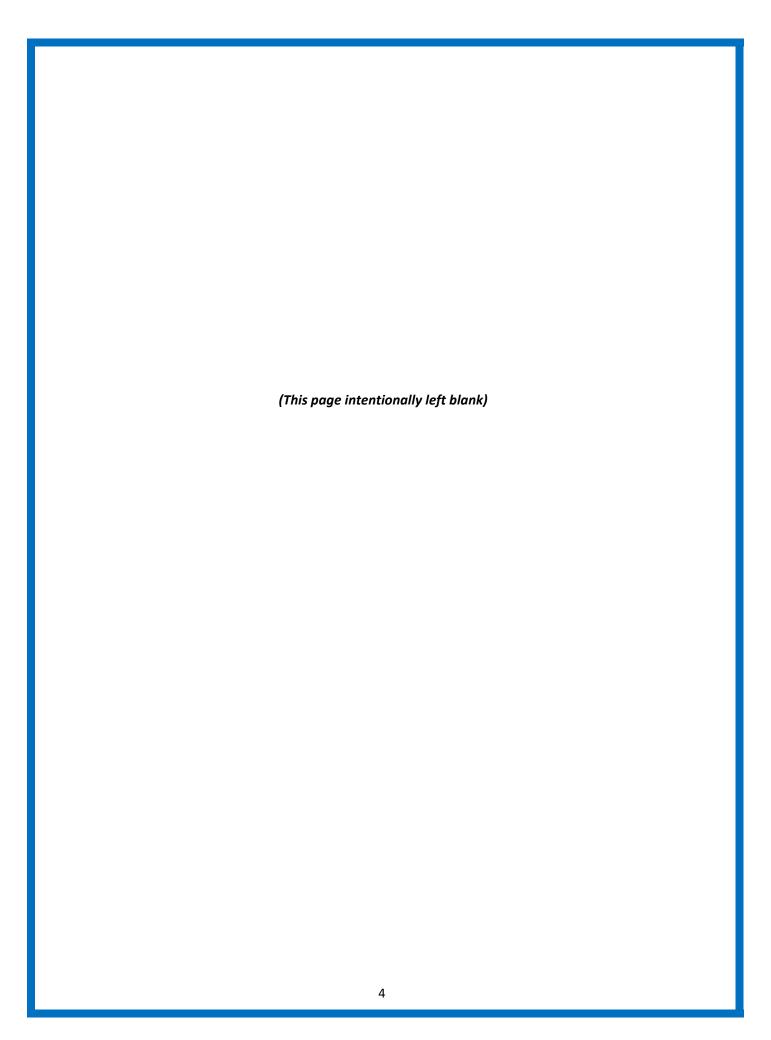
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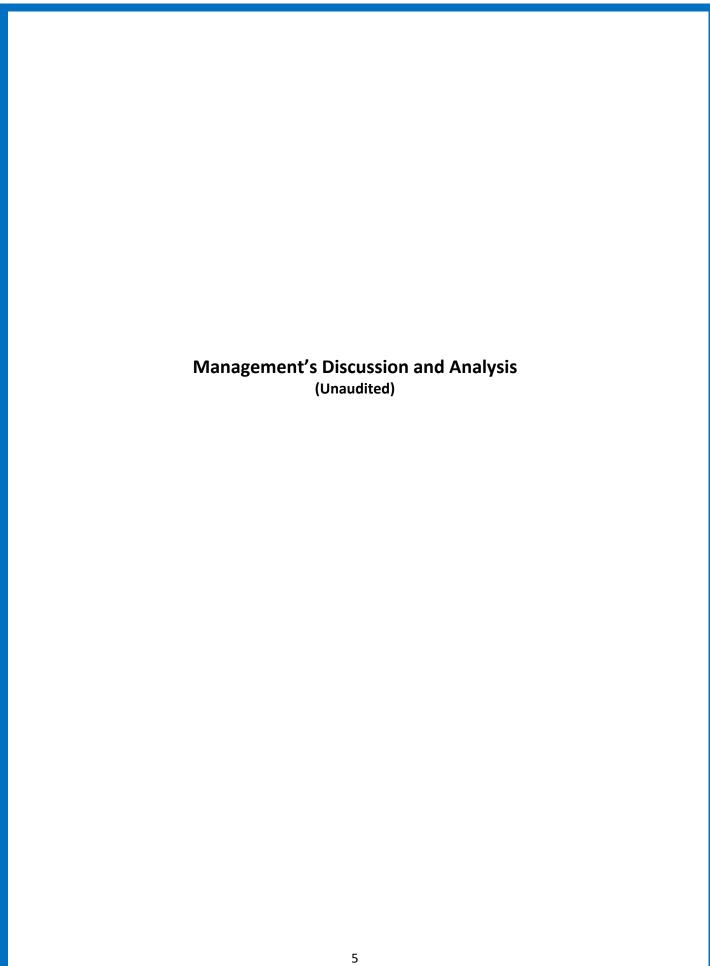
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 28, 2018, on our consideration of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

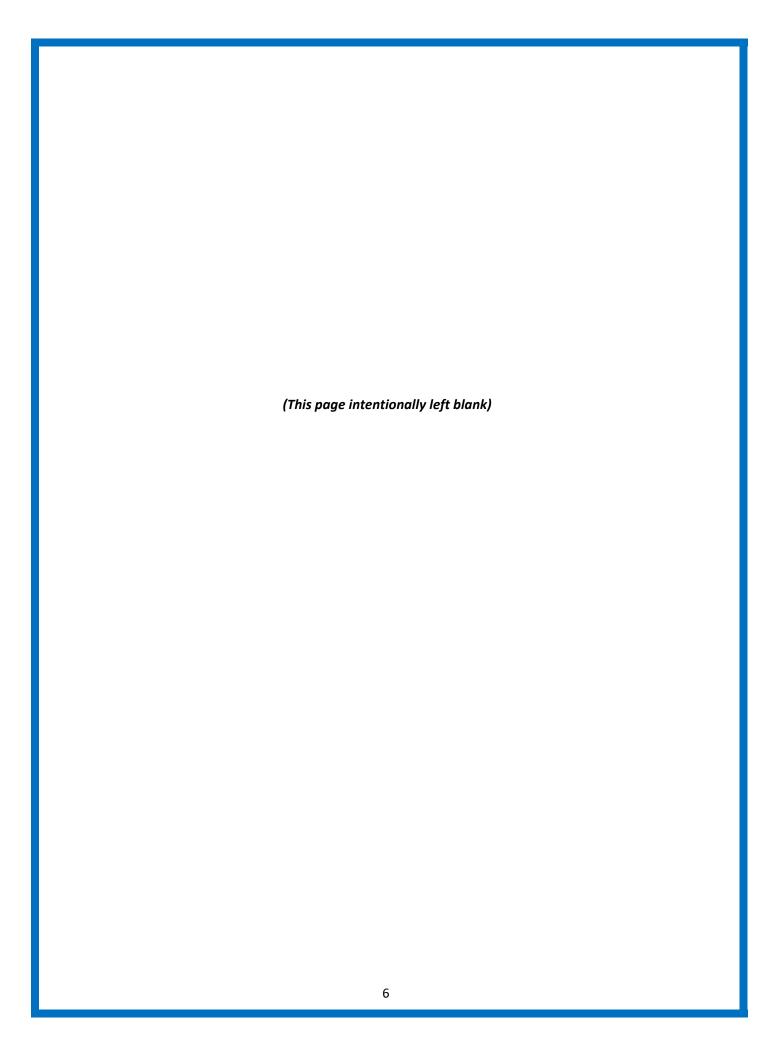
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Thomas & Thomas LLP

September 28, 2018 Little Rock, Arkansas







## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

This management's discussion and analysis is intended to provide readers an objective discussion of the financial statements of the ABLE Consortium Trust (the Trust) as of June 30, 2018 and for the year then ended, and for the period from December 15, 2016 (commencement of Trust operations) through June 30, 2017. This discussion and analysis, which is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), is intended to provide a highly summarized overview of the Trust's assets, liabilities, fiduciary net position and changes in the fiduciary net position and should be read in conjunction with the Trust's financial statements and notes thereto, which are included on pages 16 through 22.

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The Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act of 2014 (the ABLE Act), enacted on December 19, 2014, as part of The Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 (Pub. L. 113–295), added section 529A to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Section 529). The ABLE Act provides eligible individuals with blindness or qualifying disabilities a means to save for disability-related expenses in a tax-advantaged way. Section 529A allows the creation of a "qualified ABLE program" by a state under which a separate ABLE account may be established for a disabled individual who is the designated beneficiary and owner of that account.

A consortium of states (the Member States) collaborated to facilitate the implementation and maintenance of qualified ABLE programs. Each Member State has adopted enabling legislation to establish a qualified plan under Section 529A (each, a Member Plan or collectively, the Member Plans).

Pursuant to the terms of the ABLE Master Agreement and related implementing agreements executed by the Member States, Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC (ACSR) serves as the "Program Manager" and is responsible for providing administrative services and investment management services for the Member Plans.

To facilitate the investment of contributions received from account owners participating in the Member Plans in an efficient and cost effective manner, ACSR and the Member States established the Trust, with Ascensus Investment Advisors, LLC serving as the Administrator of the Trust. The Trust is a Delaware Statutory Trust and holds all assets of the Member Plans.

This management's discussion and analysis and the accompanying basic financial statements pertain only to the Trust. Readers may also find useful the supplementary information on pages 24 through 39, which provides more information about the Trust's investments, investment options available to participating Member Plans, and balances and transactions attributable to participating Member Plans.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

#### **Financial Highlights**

The following highlight some of the Trust's key financial results:

- Trust operations commenced on December 15, 2016, with the launch of the Rhode Island and Alaska ABLE plans. At June 30, 2018, fifteen Member Plans are participating in the Trust.
- At June 30, 2018 and 2017, the Trust's fiduciary net position totaled \$21.7 million and \$3.0 million, respectively. Fiduciary net position increased \$18.7 million, or 636.6%, from June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2018.
- During the year ended June 30, 2018 and the period from December 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017, amounts received from Member Plans exceeded distributions to Member Plans by \$18.4 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. Amounts received from Member Plans during the year ended June 30, 2018, totaled \$23.1 million, an increase of \$19.9 million, or 612.2%, over amounts received from Member Plans during the period from December 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Amounts distributed from the Trust to Member Plans during the year ended June 30, 2018, totaled \$4.7 million, an increase of \$4.4 million, or 1322.2%, over amounts distributed from the Trust to Member Plans during the period from December 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- During the year ended June 30, 2018, the Trust experienced net investment income of \$387.6 thousand, resulting from net appreciation in the fair value of investments of \$200.3 thousand and dividends and interest totaling \$187.3 thousand. During the period December 15, 2016 through June 30, 2017, net investment income totaled \$36.6 thousand, resulting from net appreciation in the fair value of investments of \$26.2 thousand and dividends and interest totaling \$10.4 thousand.

#### **Overview of the Basic Financial Statements**

The Trust's basic financial statements comprise the statement of fiduciary net position, the statement of changes in fiduciary net position and the related notes to the financial statements. The statement of fiduciary net position presents information on the Trust's assets and liabilities, with the difference between them representing net position held in trust for Member Plans. The statement of changes in fiduciary net position shows how the Trust's fiduciary net position changed during the year. The notes to the financial statements provide additional explanatory information about the amounts presented in the financial statements. It is essential that readers of this report consider the information in the notes to obtain a full understanding of the Trust's financial statements.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

#### Overview of the Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The Trust's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting and financial reporting standards for governmental entities set forth by the GASB. As required under generally accepted accounting principles applicable to fiduciary fund types, the Trust's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Investments are reported at fair value, and all investment transactions are recorded on a trade-date basis, regardless of when the transaction settles. Changes in fair value, along with realized gains and losses, are reported as net appreciation (depreciation) on the statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Dividends and capital gain distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date rather than when they are received. Amounts received from Member Plans are recognized when they are received, and distributions to Member Plans are recognized when paid. Program management fees are accrued daily by the Member Plans and paid monthly to ACSR. Distributions to Member Plans necessary to pay such fees are recognized in the period when the cash is transferred.

#### **Financial Analysis**

#### **Fiduciary Net Position**

The following condensed statements of fiduciary net position provide a "snapshot" of the overall financial position of the Trust:

|                            | <br>ine 30, 2018 | <br>ine 30, 2017 |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Total assets               | \$<br>21,927,851 | \$<br>2,989,349  |
| Total liabilities          | 192,620          | 38,545           |
| Net position held in trust | \$<br>21,735,231 | \$<br>2,950,804  |

The reported balance of net position held in trust represents the cumulative total of amounts received from Member Plans since the Trust's inception, increased (decreased) by net investment income (loss), and decreased by distributions to Member Plans to satisfy withdrawal requests and pay program management fees.

Investments, which totaled \$21.6 million and \$3.0 million at June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, represent 99% of the Trust's total assets. Account owners participating in Member Plans may choose to invest in a Checking Option, which invests in a checking account, or one or more Target Risk Options, each of which invests in a predetermined asset allocation of mutual funds, exchanged-traded funds (ETFs) and/or an interest-bearing savings account. The Target Risk Options are structured for different levels of risk tolerance.

Other assets, which totaled \$307.9 thousand at June 30, 2018, and \$35.9 thousand at June 30, 2017, comprise an uninvested cash position that is maintained to satisfy liquidity needs and receivables for investment sale transactions. The Trust's liabilities, which totaled \$192.6 thousand at June 30, 2018, and \$38.5 thousand at June 30, 2017, comprise payables for investment purchase transactions.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

### Financial Analysis (Continued)

### **Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

The following condensed statements of changes in fiduciary net position summarize how the Trust's net position held in trust changed during the periods presented:

|   | Year Ended<br>June 30, 2018 | Period from December 15, 2016 to June 30, 2017 |  |  |  |
|---|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Received from Member Plans                      | \$ 23,107,551               | \$ 3,244,594                                   |  |  |  |
| Net investment income                           | 387,644                     | 36,673   |  |  |  |
| Distributed to Member Plans                     | (4,687,276)                 | (329,578)                                      |  |  |  |
| Program management fee distributions            | (23,492)                    | (885)  |  |  |  |
| Net increase                                    | 18,784,427                  | 2,950,804                                      |  |  |  |
| Net position held in trust, beginning of period | 2,950,804                   | <u> </u>                                       |  |  |  |
| Net position held in trust, end of period       | \$ 21,735,231               | \$ 2,950,804                                   |  |  |  |

#### **Investment Commentary**

The following provides a brief description of each of the Trust's investments. More complete information can be found in the National ABLE Alliance Plan Disclosure Statement and each state's Member Plan addendum, and related supplements, or in each mutual fund's or ETF's prospectus and annual report.

#### **Target Risk Option Investments**

The Vanguard Institutional Index Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index, a widely recognized benchmark of US stock market performance that is dominated by the stocks of large US companies. The fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the stocks that make up the index, holding each stock in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index.

The Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the S&P's Completion Index, a broadly diversified index of stocks of small and mid-size US companies. The index contains all of the US common stocks regularly traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ over-the-counter market, except those stocks included in the S&P 500 Index. The fund invests by sampling the Index, meaning that it holds a broadly diversified collection of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full index in terms of key characteristics. These characteristics include industry weightings and market capitalization, as well as certain financial measures, such as price/earnings ratio and dividend yield.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

#### **Investment Commentary (Continued)**

### Target Risk Option Investments (Continued)

The iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF seeks to track the investment results of the MSCI EAFE IMI Index, which has been developed by MSCI Inc. as an equity benchmark for international stock performance. The index is designed to measure large-, mid- and small-capitalization equity market performance and includes stocks from Europe, Australasia and the Far East and, as of July 31, 2017, consisted of stocks from the following 21 developed market countries or regions: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. As of July 31, 2017, a significant portion of the index is represented by securities of financial and industrial companies. The components of the index, and the degree to which these components represent certain industries and/or countries, are likely to change over time.

The Schwab Emerging Markets Equity ETF generally invests in stocks that are included in the FTSE Emerging Index. The index comprises of large and mid-capitalization companies in emerging market countries, as defined by the index provider. The index defines the large and mid-capitalization universe as approximately the top 90% of the eligible universe. As of August 31, 2017, the index was composed of 991 stocks in 23 emerging market countries. It is the fund's policy that under normal circumstances, it will invest at least 90% of its net assets (net assets plus borrowings for investment purposes) in these stocks, including depositary receipts representing securities of the index; such depositary receipts may be in the form of American Depositary receipts (ADRs), Global Depositary receipts (GDRs) and European Depositary receipts (EDRs). The fund will notify its shareholders at least 60 days before changing this policy. The fund may sell securities that are represented in the index in anticipation of their removal from the index, or buy securities that are not yet represented in the index in anticipation of their addition to the index. Under normal circumstances, the fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities not included in the index. The principal types of these investments include those that the investment adviser believes will help the fund track the index, such as investments in (a) securities that are not represented in the index but the investment adviser anticipates will be added to the index or as necessary to reflect various corporate actions (such as mergers and spin-offs); (b) other investment companies; and (c) derivatives, principally futures contracts. The fund may use futures contracts and other derivatives primarily to seek returns on the fund's otherwise uninvested cash assets to help it better track the index.

The Schwab US REIT ETF generally invests in securities that are included in the Dow Jones US Select REIT Index. The index is a float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index comprised of real estate investment trusts (REITs). The index generally includes REITs that own and operate income producing commercial and/or residential real estate, derive at least 75% of the REIT's total revenue from the ownership and operation of real estate assets and have a minimum total market capitalization of \$200 million at the time of its inclusion. The index excludes mortgage REITs, net-lease REITs, real estate finance companies, mortgage brokers and bankers, commercial and residential real estate brokers and estate agents, home builders, large landowners and subdividers of unimproved land, hybrid REITs, timber REITs and companies that have more than 25% of their assets in direct mortgage investments. As of February 28, 2018, the index was composed of 101 REITs.

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

#### **Investment Commentary (Continued)**

### Target Risk Option Investments (Continued)

The Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Float Adjusted Index. This index represents a wide spectrum of public, investment-grade, taxable, fixed income securities in the United States—including government, corporate and international dollar-denominated bonds, as well as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities— all with maturities of more than 1 year. The fund invests by sampling the index, meaning that it holds a broadly diversified collection of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the index. The fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the Index, which generally ranges between 5 and 10 years, and as of December 31, 2017, was 8.4 years.

The Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays US 1–5 Year Government/Credit Float Adjusted Index. This index includes all medium and larger issues of US government, investment-grade corporate and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds that have maturities between 1 and 5 years and are publicly issued. The fund invests by sampling the index, meaning that it holds a range of securities that, in the aggregate, approximates the full index in terms of key risk factors and other characteristics. All of the fund's investments will be selected through the sampling process, and at least 80% of the fund's assets will be invested in bonds held in the index. The fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the index, which generally does not exceed 3 years, and as of December 31, 2017, was 2.8 years.

The Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund employs an indexing investment approach designed to track the performance of the Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) 0-5 Year Index. The index is a market-capitalization-weighted index that includes all inflation-protected public obligations issued by the US Treasury with remaining maturities of less than 5 years. The fund attempts to replicate the target index by investing all, or substantially all, of its assets in the securities that make up the index, holding each security in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index. The fund maintains a dollar-weighted average maturity consistent with that of the target index, which generally does not exceed 3 years.

The iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF seeks to track the investment results of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate ex USD 10% Issuer Capped (Hedged) Index, which measures the performance of the global investment grade (as determined by Bloomberg Index Services Limited) bond market. As of October 31, 2017, there were 8,983 issues in the index. The index includes investment-grade fixed-rate sovereign and government-related debt, corporate and securitized bonds from both developed and emerging market issuers. Securities included in the index are issued in currencies other than the US dollar, must have maturities of at least one year and are required to meet minimum outstanding issue size criteria. The index is market capitalization-weighted with a cap on each issuer of 10%. Debt that is publicly issued in

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

#### **Investment Commentary (Continued)**

### Target Risk Option Investments (Continued)

the global and regional markets is included in the index. Certain types of securities, such as USD-denominated bonds, contingent capital securities, inflation-linked bonds, floating-rate issues, fixed-rate perpetuals, retail bonds, structured notes, pass-through certificates, private placements, sinkable Russian OFZ bonds issued prior to 2009 and securities where reliable pricing is unavailable are excluded from the index. The securities in the index are updated on the last business day of each month and the currency risk of the securities in the index are hedged to the US dollar on a monthly basis. As of October 31, 2017, a significant portion of the index is represented by fixed-rate foreign sovereign and government debt, non-U.S. government related bonds and corporate bonds. The components of the index, and the degree to which these components represent certain industries and/or countries, are likely to change over time.

The Sallie Mae High-Yield Savings Account (HYSA) is an omnibus account maintained at Sallie Mae Bank. Interest on the HYSA is compounded daily based on the actual number of days in a year (typically, 365/365 and 366/366 in leap years) and is credited to the HYSA on a monthly basis.

The returns for the Target Risk Option Investments are listed in the following table:

|   | July 1, 2017          | December 15, 2016     |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Underlying Funds                              | through June 30, 2018 | through June 30, 2017 |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund             | 14.51%                | 8.71%                 |
| Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund           | 16.90%                | 7.32%                 |
| iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF                    | 7.19%                 | 13.86%                |
| Schwab Emerging Markets Equity ETF            | 7.03%                 | 14.15%                |
| Schwab U.S. REIT ETF                          | 4.03%                 | 4.01%                 |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund         | (0.59%)               | 3.35%                 |
| Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund           | (0.29%)               | 1.58%                 |
| Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected       |                       |                       |
| Securities Index Fund                         | 1.32%                 | 0.69%                 |
| iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF | 3.00%                 | 1.30%                 |
| Sallie Mae High Yield Savings Account         | 1.00%                 | 1.00%                 |

#### **Checking Option Underlying Investment**

The Checking Option invests 100% of its assets in FDIC-insured checking accounts held at Fifth Third Bank for each account owner invested in the Checking Option. Account owners who invest in the Checking Option are able to write checks or use a debit card to pay for qualified disability expenses.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Unaudited) June 30, 2018

### Legislative highlights

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* into law. The legislation includes the following provision related specifically to ABLE plan accounts, beginning with the 2018 tax year:

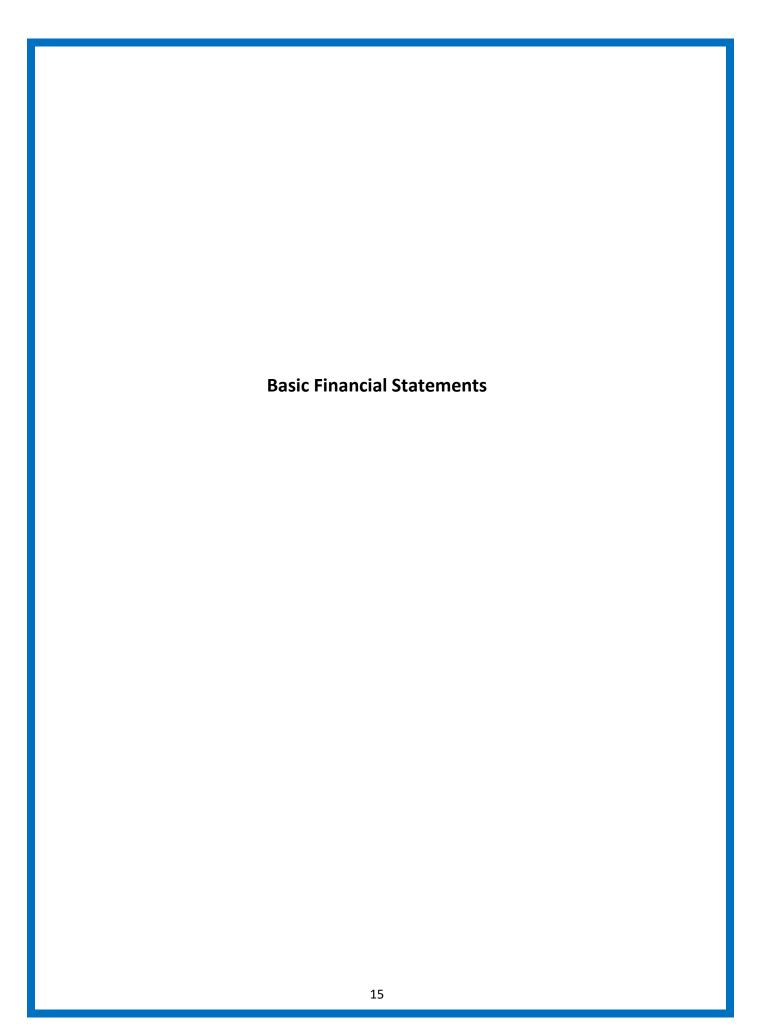
Account owners may roll over 529 plan account assets to a 529 ABLE plan account for the same beneficiary or a member of the family of the beneficiary, up to the ABLE annual contribution limit, without incurring federal or state income taxes, as applicable.

The ABLE to Work Act of 2017 (H.R. 1896) was introduced on April 4, 2017 and, if passed, would amend Section 529 to allow an account owner who is employed and who is not contributing to a defined contribution plan, an annuity contract or an eligible deferred compensation plan as described in Section 529 to contribute additional money to his or her account. The additional amount that an account owner may contribute is the lesser of an amount equal to the account owner's compensation for the year, or the amount equal to the poverty line for a one-person household for the prior year. The account owner must retain adequate records to ensure that he or she does not exceed the limit. Any increase in contributions could have an effect on the account owner's state tax obligations. This bill was referred to the Committee on Finance on April 4, 2017.

ABLE account owners may qualify for a federal tax credit known as the Saver's Credit for contributions to their ABLE account, subject to eligibility and income limits, as described in Section 25B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Trust's financial status and changes in financial status. The financial report does not purport to, and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the Member Plans. Additional information can be found at https://savewithable.com. If you have any questions about the Member Plans, please call a customer service representative at 1-888-627-7519.



### STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION June 30, 2018

| ASSETS  |               |
|---|---------------|
| Investments   | \$ 21,619,940 |
| Cash  | 101,833       |
| Receivables for investments sold  | 206,078       |
| Total Assets  | 21,927,851    |
| LIABILITIES   |               |
| Payables for investments purchased                                      | 192,620       |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST  | \$ 21,735,231 |
| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018 |               |
| ADDITIONS   |               |
| Received from Member Plans  | \$ 23,107,551 |
| Investment income:  |               |
| Dividends and interest  | 187,296       |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments                           | 200,348       |
| Net investment income   | 387,644       |
| Total Additions   | 23,495,195    |
| DEDUCTIONS  |               |
| Distributed to Member Plans   | 4,687,276     |
| Program management fee distributions                                    | 23,492        |
| Total Deductions  | 4,710,768     |
| NET INCREASE  | 18,784,427    |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST, BEGINNING OF YEAR                           | 2,950,804     |
| NET POSITION HELD IN TRUST, END OF YEAR                                 | \$ 21,735,231 |

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018

#### **NOTE 1: ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

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Account owners participating in Member Plans may choose to invest their contributions in a Checking Option, which invests in a checking account, or one or more Target Risk Options, each of which invests in a predetermined asset allocation of mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and/or an interest-bearing savings account. The Target Risk Options structured for different levels of risk tolerance. In exchange for contributions to a Member Plan, an account owner receives units issued by the Member Plan. These units are municipal securities. The account owner does not own the underlying assets in the investment options.

The Bank of New York Mellon serves as the custodian of all Target Risk Option assets held in the Trust. Fifth Third Bank is the custodian of all assets held in the Checking Option.

The accompanying financial statements present only the financial position and changes in financial position of the Trust. They do not purport to, and do not, present the financial position or changes in financial position of the Member Plans. For more information about the Member Plans, readers should refer to https://savewithable.com/or call 1-888-627-7519.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018

#### **NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### (a) Basis of Accounting

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to fiduciary fund types prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Trust's financial statements are prepared using the flow of economics resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting.

#### (b) Income Taxes

The Trust Administrator has determined that the Trust is exempt from taxation.

#### (c) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### (d) Investments

Investments included in the statement of fiduciary net position consist of all assets in the Target Risk Options and the Checking Option, except for uninvested cash balances, which are described in Note 2(f), and receivables for investment sale transactions.

The Target Risk Option assets are invested in varying allocations of mutual funds, ETFs and an interest-bearing savings account.

Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on mutual fund and ETF transactions are included in "net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments" on the statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Purchases and sales are recorded on a trade-date basis. Dividends and capital gain distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

The Sallie Mae High Yield Savings Account is an omnibus savings account held in trust at Sallie Mae Bank. This account earns a variable rate of interest, which is compounded daily and credited to the account monthly. The interest rate earned on this account for the year ended June 30, 2018 ranged from 1.29% to 1.73%.

The Checking Option allows the account owner to maintain assets in a checking account at Fifth Third Bank. A separate checking account is established for each account owner that chooses the Checking Option. This account earns a variable rate of interest, which is compounded daily and credited to the account monthly. The interest rate earned on Checking Option accounts during the year ended June 30, 2018 was 0.01%. Balances in Checking Option accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) on a pass-through basis to each account owner, up to the maximum amount allowable under federal law.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018

### **NOTE 2: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

### (e) Investment Valuation

The mutual funds and ETFs are reported at fair value, based on net asset value per share (mutual funds) or closing market prices (ETFs) as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on the reporting date. Accounting standards categorize fair value measurements according to a hierarchy that is based on valuation inputs that are used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices for identical assets in active markets that can be accessed at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted market prices that are observable for an asset, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable. The fair values of the mutual funds and ETFs are determined using Level 1 inputs.

Investments in the Sallie Mae High Yield Savings Account and the Checking Option are reported at cost.

#### (f) Cash

Cash presented on the statement of fiduciary net position includes uninvested cash balances that are maintained in the Trust to meet liquidity needs. These uninvested cash balances are held by BNY Mellon as custodian. Balances in these accounts are insured by the FDIC up to \$250,000, and amounts in excess of FDIC insurance limits are not collateralized or covered by supplementary insurance.

#### **NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS**

### (a) Investments by Type

The Trust's investments at June 30, 2018, are as follows:

|   | Category                     | Fair Value       |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Mutual funds, at fair value:                  |                              |                  |  |  |
| Vanguard Institutional Index Fund             | Large Blend                  | \$<br>3,095,901  |  |  |
| Vanguard Extended Market Index Fund           | Mid-Cap Blend                | 2,652,083        |  |  |
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund         | Intermediate-Term Bond       | 1,588,210        |  |  |
| Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund           | Short-Term Bond              | 1,323,455        |  |  |
| Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected       |                              |                  |  |  |
| Securities Index Fund                         | Inflation-Protected Bond     | <br>1,852,636    |  |  |
| Total mutual funds                            |                              | 10,512,285       |  |  |
| ETFs, at fair value:                          |                              |                  |  |  |
| iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF                    | Foreign Large Blend          | 1,508,079        |  |  |
| Schwab Emerging Markets Equity ETF            | Diversified Emerging Markets | 558,085          |  |  |
| Schwab US REIT ETF                            | Real Estate                  | 880,346          |  |  |
| iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF | World Bond                   | 508,933          |  |  |
| Total ETFs                                    |                              | 3,455,443        |  |  |
|   |                              |                  |  |  |
| Sallie Mae High Yield Savings Account         | Cash Equivalent              | <br>2,022,906    |  |  |
| FDIC-insured Checking Account                 | Cash Equivalent              | 5,629,306        |  |  |
|   |                              | <br>-            |  |  |
| Total Investments                             |                              | \$<br>21,619,940 |  |  |

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018

#### **NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

#### (b) Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments

The following table calculates the net change in the fair value of investments during the year ended June 30, 2018:

| Fair value of investments, end of year              | \$<br>21,619,940 |
|---|------------------|
| Less cost of investments purchased and dividends    |                  |
| reinvested during the year                          | (21,253,370)     |
| Plus proceeds from investments sold during the year | 2,787,280        |
| Less fair value of investments, beginning of year   | <br>(2,953,502)  |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments       | \$<br>200,348    |

### (c) Investment Risk

The mutual funds and ETFs in which the Trust invests may include corporate debt and equity securities, obligations of the United States government and government agencies, and international equity securities in their underlying asset holdings. These securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk, and it is at least reasonably possible that changes in their fair values could occur in the near term, materially affecting the amounts reported in the Trust's financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 3, Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments (including Repurchase Agreements), and Reverse Repurchase Agreements, GASB Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures and GASB Statement No. 59, Financial Instruments Omnibus, require that certain disclosures be made related to the Trust's investment policy and its exposure to credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk, which are included in the paragraphs that follow.

#### **Investment Policy**

The investments that compose the various portfolio options are specified in the National ABLE Alliance Plan Disclosure Statement and may not be changed without approval of all participating Member States. There is no separate investment policy that specifically addresses credit risk, interest rate risk, concentrations of credit risk or foreign currency risk.

#### Credit Risk

As a result of its investment in the Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund and iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF, the Trust may be indirectly exposed to credit risk, which is the risk that a bond issuer will fail to pay interest and principal, when due, as a result of adverse market or economic conditions.

The Trust's mutual funds and ETFs are not exposed to custodial credit risk, which is the risk that the Trust will not recover the value of investments that are in the possession of an outside party.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018

### **NOTE 3: INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

### (c) Investment Risk (Continued)

### Credit Risk (Continued)

None of the mutual funds or ETFs in which the Trust invests are rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization, except the iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF, which is rated A-f by Standard & Poor's.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

The Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund, Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund and iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF, due to their investment primarily in bonds, may also be exposed to interest rate risk, which is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely impact the fair value of an investment. Average maturity is the average length of time until fixed-income securities held by a fund reach maturity and will be repaid, taking into consideration the possibility that the issuer may call a bond before its maturity date, and is a measure of interest rate risk. In general, the longer the average maturity, the more a fund's share price will fluctuate in response to changes in interest rates. As of June 30, 2018, the average maturity of holdings in each of these investments are as follows:

|   | Average<br>Maturity |
|---|---------------------|
| Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund                         | 8.4 years           |
| Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund                           | 2.8 years           |
| Vanguard Short-Term Inflation-Protected Securities Index Fund | 2.6 years           |
| iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF                 | 9.0 years           |

### Foreign Currency Risk

The iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF, Schwab Emerging Markets Equity ETF and iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF may include international securities and foreign currency in their underlying asset holdings. There are certain inherent risks involved when investing in international securities and foreign currency that are not present with investments in domestic securities, such as foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, adverse political and economic developments and the possible prevention or delay of currency exchange due to foreign governmental laws or restrictions.

### **NOTE 4: FEES AND EXPENSES**

#### (a) Program Management Fees

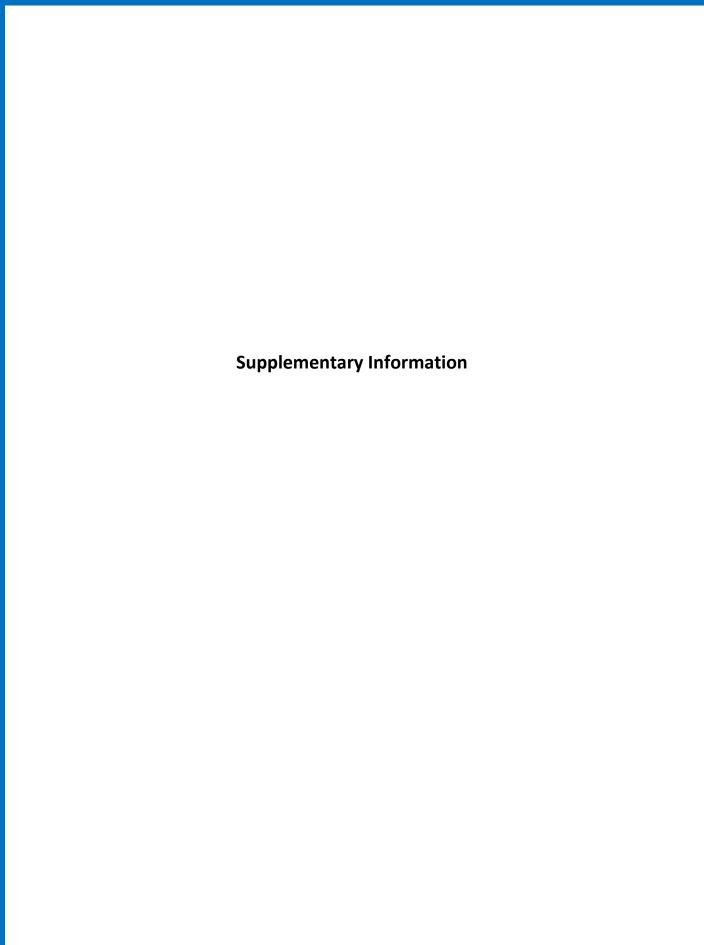
ACSR is paid a program management fee as compensation for administering and managing the investment options and the Member Plans. This fee, which is 0.32% on net assets in each Target Risk Option, is accrued daily and reduces the net asset value per unit of each Target Risk Option. Program management fees are reported by the Trust when underlying investments are liquidated and proceeds are distributed to ACSR.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2018

### **NOTE 4: FEES AND EXPENSES (Continued)**

### (b) Underlying Investment Fees

Investment advisory fees, administrative fees and other expenses related to management of the mutual funds and ETFs (underlying fund expenses) in which the Trust invests are paid out of the assets of the mutual funds and ETFS and reduce the amount of income available to be distributed to the Trust in the form of dividends or capital gains. These underlying fund expenses are not direct expenses paid from Trust assets, and therefore, are not reported in the Trust's financial statements.



# SUPPLEMENTARY TRUST INVESTMENT NFORMATION STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

|                             | Vanguard<br>Institutional<br>Index Fund |           | Institutional Market |           | 1  | Vanguard<br>Total Bond<br>Market<br>Index Fund |    | Vanguard<br>Short-Term<br>Bond<br>Index Fund |    | Vanguard hort-Term Inflation- Securities ndex Fund |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|----------------------|-----------|----|--|----|--|----|--|
| Assets                      |   |           |                      |           |    |  |    |  |    |  |
| Investments                 | \$                                      | 3,095,901 | \$                   | 2,652,083 | \$ | 1,588,210                                      | \$ | 1,323,455                                    | \$ | 1,852,636  |
| Cash                        |   | -         |                      | -         |    | -  |    | -  |    | -  |
| Receivables for investments |   |           |                      |           |    |  |    |  |    |  |
| sold                        |   | 64,874    |                      | 136,432   |    |  |    | -  |    | -  |
| Total Assets                |   | 3,160,775 |                      | 2,788,515 |    | 1,588,210                                      |    | 1,323,455                                    |    | 1,852,636  |
| Liabilities                 |   |           |                      |           |    |  |    |  |    |  |
| Payables for investments    |   |           |                      |           |    |  |    |  |    |  |
| purchased                   |   | 17,448    |                      | 14,955    |    | 52,079   |    | 37,818                                       |    | 38,047   |
| Net Position Held in Trust  | \$                                      | 3,143,327 | \$                   | 2,773,560 | \$ | 1,536,131                                      | \$ | 1,285,637                                    | \$ | 1,814,589  |

# SUPPLEMENTARY TRUST INVESTMENT INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2018

|    | iShares<br>Core MSCI<br>EAFE ETF |    | Schwab<br>Emerging<br>Markets<br>Equity ETF |    | Schwab<br>US REIT ETF |    | iShares Core International Aggregate Bond ETF |    | Sallie Mae<br>High Yield<br>Savings<br>Account |    | DIC-insured<br>Checking<br>Account | <br>Total                   |
|----|----------------------------------|----|---|----|-----------------------|----|---|----|--|----|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| \$ | 1,508,079<br>48,791              | \$ | 558,085<br>13,300                           | \$ | 880,346<br>26,894     | \$ | 508,933<br>12,848                             | \$ | 2,022,906                                      | \$ | 5,629,306                          | \$<br>21,619,940<br>101,833 |
| _  | -<br>1,556,870                   |    | -<br>571,385                                |    | 907,240               |    | 521,781                                       |    | 4,772<br>2,027,678                             | _  | 5,629,306                          | 206,078<br>21,927,851       |
|    | 16,936                           |    |   |    | 8,973                 |    |   |    | 6,364  |    |                                    | <br>192,620                 |
| \$ | 1,539,934                        | \$ | 571,385                                     | \$ | 898,267               | \$ | 521,781                                       | \$ | 2,021,314                                      | \$ | 5,629,306                          | \$<br>21,735,231            |

# SUPPLEMENTARY TRUST INVESTMENT INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

|  | Vanguard<br>Institutional<br>Index Fund | Vanguard<br>Extended<br>Market<br>Index Fund | Vanguard<br>Total Bond<br>Market<br>Index Fund | Vanguard<br>Short-Term<br>Bond<br>Index Fund | Vanguard Short-Term Inflation- Securities Index Fund |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Additions  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Received from Member Plans                       | \$ 2,915,496                            | \$ 2,498,997                                 | \$ 1,549,169                                   | \$ 1,290,974                                 | \$ 1,807,362   |
| Investment income (loss):                        |   |  |  |  |  |
| Dividends and interest                           | 35,302                                  | 22,708                                       | 21,653   | 12,700                                       | 22,736   |
| Net appreciation                                 |   |  |  |  |  |
| (depreciation) in fair                           |   |  |  |  |  |
| value of investments                             | 110,967                                 | 181,742                                      | (30,988)                                       | (13,890)                                     | (8,012)  |
| Net investment                                   |   |  |  |  |  |
| income (loss)                                    | 146,269                                 | 204,450                                      | (9,335)  | (1,190)                                      | 14,724   |
| <b>Total Additions</b>                           | 3,061,765                               | 2,703,447                                    | 1,539,834                                      | 1,289,784                                    | 1,822,086  |
| <b>Deductions</b> Distributed to Member Plans    | 353,027                                 | 302,594                                      | 229,235  | 191,029                                      | 267,439  |
| Program management                               |   |  |  |  |  |
| fee distributions                                | 4,538                                   | 3,890  | 2,301  | 1,918  | 2,685  |
| Total Deductions                                 | 357,565                                 | 306,484                                      | 231,536  | 192,947                                      | 270,124  |
| Net Increase                                     | 2,704,200                               | 2,396,963                                    | 1,308,298                                      | 1,096,837                                    | 1,551,962  |
| Net Position Held in Trust,<br>Beginning of Year | 439,127                                 | 376,597                                      | 227,833  | 188,800                                      | 262,627  |
| Net Position Held in Trust,<br>End of Year       | \$ 3,143,327                            | \$ 2,773,560                                 | \$ 1,536,131                                   | \$ 1,285,637                                 | \$ 1,814,589   |

# SUPPLEMENTARY TRUST INVESTMENT INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year ended June 30, 2018

| iShares<br>Core MSCI<br>EAFE ETF | Schwab<br>Emerging<br>Markets<br>Equity ETF | Schwab<br>US REIT ETF | iShares Core<br>International<br>Aggregate<br>Bond ETF | Sallie Mae<br>High Yield<br>Savings<br>Account | FDIC-insured<br>Checking<br>Account | Total         |  |
|----------------------------------|---|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| \$ 1,499,398                     | \$ 583,099                                  | \$ 832,999            | \$ 516,388   | \$ 2,182,322                                   | \$ 7,431,347                        | \$ 23,107,551 |  |
| 33,727                           | 6,092                                       | 14,436                | 2,066  | 15,592   | 284                                 | 187,296       |  |
| (39,886)                         | (34,168)                                    | 29,400                | 5,183  |  |                                     | 200,348       |  |
| (6,159)                          | (28,076)                                    | 43,836                | 7,249  | 15,592   | 284                                 | 387,644       |  |
| 1,493,239                        | 555,023                                     | 876,835               | 523,637  | 2,197,914                                      | 7,431,631                           | 23,495,195    |  |
| 181,556                          | 70,605                                      | 100,864               | 76,411   | 468,311  | 2,446,205                           | 4,687,276     |  |
| 2,334                            | 908   | 1,297                 | 767  | 2,854  | -                                   | 23,492        |  |
| 183,890                          | 71,513                                      | 102,161               | 77,178   | 471,165  | 2,446,205                           | 4,710,768     |  |
| 1,309,349                        | 483,510                                     | 774,674               | 446,459  | 1,726,749                                      | 4,985,426                           | 18,784,427    |  |
| 230,585                          | 87,875                                      | 123,593               | 75,322   | 294,565  | 643,880                             | 2,950,804     |  |
| \$ 1,539,934                     | \$ 571,385                                  | \$ 898,267            | \$ 521,781   | \$ 2,021,314                                   | \$ 5,629,306                        | \$ 21,735,231 |  |

# SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTMENT OPTION INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AND UNIT INFORMATION June 30, 2018

|   | Aggressive<br>Option | Moderately<br>Aggressive<br>Option | Growth<br>Option |  |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Assets  |                      |                                    |                  |  |
| Investments in Trust units                            | \$ 3,066,240         | \$ 2,815,347                       | \$ 3,493,239     |  |
| Net unsettled Member Plan transactions                | 13,906               | 18,147                             | 18,708           |  |
| Other asset   | 584                  | -                                  | 1,364            |  |
| Total Assets  | 3,080,730            | 2,833,494                          | 3,513,311        |  |
| Liabilities   |                      |                                    |                  |  |
| Withdrawals payable                                   | 1,311                | 1,283                              | 256              |  |
| Accrued program management fees                       | 792                  | 720                                | 889              |  |
| Other liability                                       | -                    | 555                                | -                |  |
| Total Liabilities                                     | 2,103                | 2,558                              | 1,145            |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Member Plans           | \$ 3,078,627         | \$ 2,830,936                       | \$ 3,512,166     |  |
| Units Outstanding (rounded to the nearest whole unit) | 257,625              | 243,207                            | 309,715          |  |
| Net Asset Value Per Unit                              | \$ 11.95             | \$ 11.64                           | \$ 11.34         |  |

# SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTMENT OPTION INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AND UNIT INFORMATION June 30, 2018

|         | Moderately Moderate Conservative Option Option |          | oderate Conservative Conserv |    | onservative<br>Option        | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                          |          | Total                              |
|---------|--|----------|------------------------------|----|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------------|
|         | 5,474<br>7,413<br>-                            | \$       | 1,600,805<br>12,862<br>656   | \$ | 2,713,820<br>(8,999)<br>-    | \$                                    | 5,629,306<br>39,166<br>- | \$       | 21,735,231<br>121,203<br>2,604     |
| 2,44    | 3,887  |          | 1,614,323                    |    | 2,704,821                    |                                       | 5,668,472                |          | 21,859,038                         |
|         | 5<br>617<br>703<br>1,325                       | <u> </u> | 249<br>398<br>-<br>647       |    | 4,211<br>684<br>553<br>5,448 | <br>                                  | 14,973                   | <u> </u> | 22,288<br>4,100<br>1,811<br>28,199 |
| \$ 2,44 | 2,562  | \$       | 1,613,676                    | \$ | 2,699,373                    | \$                                    | 5,653,499                | \$       | 21,830,839                         |
| 22      | 1,046  |          | 150,109                      |    | 260,809                      |                                       | 5,653,499                | _        | 7,096,010                          |
| \$      | 11.05  | \$       | 10.75                        | \$ | 10.35                        | \$                                    | 1.00                     |          |                                    |

# SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTMENT OPTION INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

|  | Moderately  |                 |              |  |  |  |
|--|-------------|-----------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|  | Aggressive  | ==              | Growth       |  |  |  |
|  | Option      | Option          | Option       |  |  |  |
| Additions                                    | ·           |                 |              |  |  |  |
| Contributions to Member Plans                | \$ 2,659,38 | 36 \$ 2,405,383 | \$ 3,137,468 |  |  |  |
| Net investment income                        | 101,95      | 56 95,211       | 91,058       |  |  |  |
| Exchanges in                                 | 122,00      | 56,536          | 65,231       |  |  |  |
| Other income                                 | 73          | - 32            | 1,571        |  |  |  |
| Total Additions                              | 2,884,07    | 74 2,557,130    | 3,295,328    |  |  |  |
| Deductions                                   |             |                 |              |  |  |  |
| Withdrawals from Member Plans                | 106,81      | 18 100,329      | 202,467      |  |  |  |
| Program management fees                      | 5,19        | 96 4,910        | 5,826        |  |  |  |
| Exchanges out                                | 64,34       | 98,377          | 82,619       |  |  |  |
| Other expense                                | -           | 773             | -            |  |  |  |
| Total Deductions                             | 176,36      | 204,389         | 290,912      |  |  |  |
| Net Increase                                 | 2,707,71    | 2,352,741       | 3,004,416    |  |  |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Member Plans, |             |                 |              |  |  |  |
| Beginning of Year                            | 370,91      | 13 478,195      | 507,750      |  |  |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Member Plans, |             |                 |              |  |  |  |
| End of Year                                  | \$ 3,078,62 | \$ 2,830,936    | \$ 3,512,166 |  |  |  |

# SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTMENT OPTION INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

| Moderate<br>Option |    | Moderately<br>Conservative<br>Option |    | onservative<br>Option | <br>Checking<br>Option |    | Total      |  |
|--------------------|----|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------------|------------------------|----|------------|--|
| \$<br>2,269,047    | \$ | 1,496,446                            | \$ | 2,681,527             | \$<br>7,217,029        | \$ | 21,866,286 |  |
| 48,439             |    | 24,917                               |    | 25,781                | 284                    |    | 387,646    |  |
| 71,291             |    | 38,072                               |    | 92,661                | 239,571                |    | 685,362    |  |
| 55                 |    | 656                                  |    | -                     | <br>-                  |    | 3,014      |  |
| 2,388,832          |    | 1,560,091                            |    | 2,799,969             | 7,456,884              |    | 22,942,308 |  |
|                    |    |                                      |    |                       |                        |    |            |  |
| 184,770            |    | 114,284                              |    | 351,546               | 2,308,851              |    | 3,369,065  |  |
| 4,051              |    | 2,717                                |    | 4,357                 | -                      |    | 27,057     |  |
| 87,924             |    | 68,957                               |    | 144,725               | 138,414                |    | 685,362    |  |
| 703                |    | 14                                   |    | 649                   | -                      |    | 2,139      |  |
| 277,448            |    | 185,972                              |    | 501,277               | 2,447,265              |    | 4,083,623  |  |
| 2,111,384          |    | 1,374,119                            |    | 2,298,692             | 5,009,619              |    | 18,858,685 |  |
| <br>331,178        |    | 239,557                              |    | 400,681               | 643,880                |    | 2,972,154  |  |
| \$<br>2,442,562    | \$ | 1,613,676                            | \$ | 2,699,373             | \$<br>5,653,499        | \$ | 21,830,839 |  |

|                                   | Alaska<br>ABLE Plan | Colorado<br>ABLE | DC ABLE<br>Program |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|--|
| Assets                            |                     |                  |                    |  |
| Investments                       | \$ 742,142          | \$ 1,253,589     | \$ 86,343          |  |
| Redemption proceeds receivable    | 150                 | 3,632            | -                  |  |
| Total Assets                      | 742,292             | 1,257,221        | 86,343             |  |
| Liabilities                       |                     |                  |                    |  |
| Withdrawals payable               | 150                 | 3,632            |                    |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for    |                     |                  |                    |  |
| Account Owners                    | \$ 742,142          | \$ 1,253,589     | \$ 86,343          |  |
| Investments (Dollars)             |                     |                  |                    |  |
| Aggressive Portfolio              | \$ 62,444           | \$ 281,854       | \$ 16,914          |  |
| Moderately Aggressive Portfolio   | 182,657             | 129,678          | 10,875             |  |
| Growth Portfolio                  | 82,327              | 150,585          | 19,874             |  |
| Moderate Portfolio                | 55,583              | 120,746          | 1,431              |  |
| Moderately Conservative Portfolio | 84,961              | 102,323          | 2,646              |  |
| Conservative Portfolio            | 88,581              | 169,362          | 8,836              |  |
| Checking Option Portfolio         | 185,589             | 299,041          | 25,767             |  |
| Total                             | \$ 742,142          | \$ 1,253,589     | \$ 86,343          |  |
| Investments (Units)               |                     |                  |                    |  |
| Aggressive Portfolio              | 5,225               | 23,586           | 1,415              |  |
| Moderately Aggressive Portfolio   | 15,692              | 11,141           | 934                |  |
| Growth Portfolio                  | 7,260               | 13,279           | 1,753              |  |
| Moderate Portfolio                | 5,030               | 10,927           | 130                |  |
| Moderately Conservative Portfolio | 7,903               | 9,518            | 246                |  |
| Conservative Portfolio            | 8,558               | 16,363           | 854                |  |
| Checking Option Portfolio         | 185,589             | 299,041          | 25,767             |  |
| Total                             | 235,257             | 383,855          | 31,099             |  |

| DEP | ENDABLE  | <br>Illinois<br>ABLE  | INvestABLE<br>Indiana   |    | IAble   | insas ABLE<br>vings Plan   |
|-----|--|---|---|----|---|--|
| \$  | 1,308<br>-                                     | \$<br>2,295,650<br>14,000   | \$<br>524,979<br>-  | \$ | 1,367,310<br>108  | \$<br>832,003<br>-   |
|     | 1,308  | 2,309,650   | 524,979   |    | 1,367,418   | 832,003  |
|     |  | <br>14,000  | <br>-   |    | 108   | <br>-  |
| \$  | 1,308  | \$<br>2,295,650   | \$<br>524,979   | \$ | 1,367,310   | \$<br>832,003  |
| \$  | 1,003<br>-<br>300<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>5<br>1,308 | \$<br>390,329<br>297,175<br>445,424<br>250,251<br>146,972<br>201,359<br>564,140 | \$<br>112,142<br>55,587<br>102,136<br>72,078<br>43,495<br>36,806<br>102,735 | \$ | 120,760<br>197,473<br>199,325<br>163,941<br>128,314<br>201,168<br>356,329 | \$<br>97,413<br>128,132<br>213,419<br>61,728<br>44,760<br>112,519<br>174,032 |
|     | 84<br>-<br>26<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>5              | 32,664<br>25,531<br>39,279<br>22,647<br>13,672<br>19,455<br>564,140             | 9,384<br>4,775<br>9,007<br>6,523<br>4,046<br>3,556<br>102,735               |    | 10,105<br>16,965<br>17,577<br>14,836<br>11,936<br>19,437<br>356,329       | 8,152<br>11,008<br>18,820<br>5,586<br>4,164<br>10,871<br>174,032             |
|     | 115  | <br>717,388   | <br>140,026   |    | 447,185   | <br>232,633  |

|                                   | The Minnesota<br>ABLE Plan | Montana<br>ABLE Program | ABLE<br>Nevada |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Assets                            |                            |                         |                |  |
| Investments                       | \$ 2,830,590               | \$ 433,470              | \$ 1,065,927   |  |
| Redemption proceeds receivable    | 300                        | -                       | -              |  |
| Total Assets                      | 2,830,890                  | 433,470                 | 1,065,927      |  |
| Liabilities                       |                            |                         |                |  |
| Withdrawals payable               | 300                        |                         |                |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for    |                            |                         |                |  |
| Account Owners                    | \$ 2,830,590               | \$ 433,470              | \$ 1,065,927   |  |
| Investments (Dollars)             |                            |                         |                |  |
| Aggressive Portfolio              | \$ 287,725                 | \$ 40,394               | \$ 139,336     |  |
| Moderately Aggressive Portfolio   | 232,790                    | 34,658                  | 109,901        |  |
| Growth Portfolio                  | 401,752                    | 52,021                  | 115,002        |  |
| Moderate Portfolio                | 324,414                    | 53,105                  | 121,089        |  |
| Moderately Conservative Portfolio | 284,191                    | 22,672                  | 52,036         |  |
| Conservative Portfolio            | 520,395                    | 90,192                  | 330,321        |  |
| Checking Option Portfolio         | 779,323                    | 140,428                 | 198,242        |  |
| Total                             | \$ 2,830,590               | \$ 433,470              | \$ 1,065,927   |  |
| Investments (Units)               |                            |                         |                |  |
| Aggressive Portfolio              | 24,077                     | 3,380                   | 11,660         |  |
| Moderately Aggressive Portfolio   | 19,999                     | 2,977                   | 9,442          |  |
| Growth Portfolio                  | 35,428                     | 4,587                   | 10,141         |  |
| Moderate Portfolio                | 29,359                     | 4,806                   | 10,958         |  |
| Moderately Conservative Portfolio | 26,436                     | 2,109                   | 4,841          |  |
| Conservative Portfolio            | 50,280                     | 8,714                   | 31,915         |  |
| Checking Option Portfolio         | 779,323                    | 140,428                 | 198,242        |  |
| Total                             | 964,902                    | 167,001                 | 277,199        |  |

| NJ ABLE |  | NC ABLE   | ennsylvania<br>BLE Savings<br>Program   |          | RI's ABLE |   | _ | Total |   |
|---------|--|---|---|----------|-----------|---|---|-------|---|
| \$      | 1,823<br>-                                 | \$<br>1,767,228<br>1,679  | \$<br>8,222,201<br>300  |          | \$        | 406,276<br>2,119  | _ | \$    | 21,830,839<br>22,288  |
|         | 1,823                                      | <br>1,768,907   | <br>8,222,501   | _        |           | 408,395   |   |       | 21,853,127  |
|         |  | <br>1,679   | 300   | _        |           | 2,119   |   |       | 22,288  |
| \$      | 1,823                                      | \$<br>1,767,228   | \$<br>8,222,201   | <u> </u> | \$        | 406,276   | : | \$    | 21,830,839  |
| \$      | 701<br>214<br>612<br>109<br>92<br>42<br>53 | \$<br>219,234<br>228,234<br>269,466<br>259,703<br>155,995<br>141,180<br>493,416 | \$<br>1,286,296<br>1,179,317<br>1,405,542<br>892,997<br>509,367<br>777,736<br>2,170,946 | -        | \$        | 22,082<br>44,245<br>54,381<br>65,387<br>35,852<br>20,876<br>163,453 |   | \$    | 3,078,627<br>2,830,936<br>3,512,166<br>2,442,562<br>1,613,676<br>2,699,373<br>5,653,499 |
|         | 59<br>18<br>54<br>10<br>9<br>4<br>53       | 18,346<br>19,608<br>23,762<br>23,503<br>14,511<br>13,641<br>493,416             | 107,640<br>101,316<br>123,946<br>80,814<br>47,383<br>75,144<br>2,170,946                | _        |           | 1,848<br>3,801<br>4,796<br>5,917<br>3,335<br>2,017<br>163,453       |   |       | 257,625<br>243,207<br>309,715<br>221,046<br>150,109<br>260,809<br>5,653,499             |
|         | 207  | <br>606,787   | <br>2,707,189   |          |           | 185,167   | _ |       | 7,096,010   |

# SUPPLEMENTARY MEMBER PLAN INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

|  | A  | Alaska<br>ABLE Plan |    | Colorado<br>ABLE |    | DC ABLE<br>Program |
|--|----|---------------------|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| Additions  |    |                     |    |                  |    |                    |
| Contributions  | \$ | 740,513             | \$ | 1,341,986        | \$ | 102,872            |
| Net investment income  |    | 17,045              |    | 13,476           |    | 456                |
|  |    | 757,558             |    | 1,355,462        |    | 103,328            |
| Deductions   |    |                     |    |                  |    |                    |
| Withdrawals  |    | 170,557             |    | 101,873          |    | 16,985             |
| Total Deductions   |    | 170,557             |    | 101,873          |    | 16,985             |
| Net Increase   |    | 587,001             |    | 1,253,589        |    | 86,343             |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Account Owners, Beginning of Year |    | 155,141             |    | <del>-</del>     |    | <u>-</u>           |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Account Owners,<br>End of Year    | \$ | 742,142             | \$ | 1,253,589        | \$ | 86,343             |

# SUPPLEMENTARY MEMBER PLAN INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

| DEPENDABLE |       | Illinois<br>ABLE |           | INvestABLE<br>Indiana |    | IAble     | -  | Kansas ABLE<br>Savings Plan |  |
|------------|-------|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|----|-----------|----|-----------------------------|--|
|            |       |                  |           |                       |    |           |    |                             |  |
| \$         | 1,305 | \$               | 2,155,909 | \$<br>618,449         | \$ | 1,407,837 | \$ | 744,617                     |  |
|            | 3     |                  | 49,194    | 5,750                 |    | 23,235    |    | 16,756                      |  |
|            | 1,308 |                  | 2,205,103 | 624,199               |    | 1,431,072 |    | 761,373                     |  |
|            |       |                  |           |                       |    |           |    |                             |  |
|            |       |                  | 336,197   | <br>99,220            |    | 257,270   |    | 114,927                     |  |
|            | -     |                  | 336,197   | 99,220                |    | 257,270   |    | 114,927                     |  |
|            | 1,308 |                  | 1,868,906 | 524,979               |    | 1,173,802 |    | 646,446                     |  |
|            |       |                  |           |                       |    |           |    |                             |  |
|            | -     |                  | 426,744   | <br>-                 |    | 193,508   |    | 185,557                     |  |
|            |       |                  |           |                       |    |           |    |                             |  |
| \$         | 1,308 | \$               | 2,295,650 | \$<br>524,979         | \$ | 1,367,310 | \$ | 832,003                     |  |

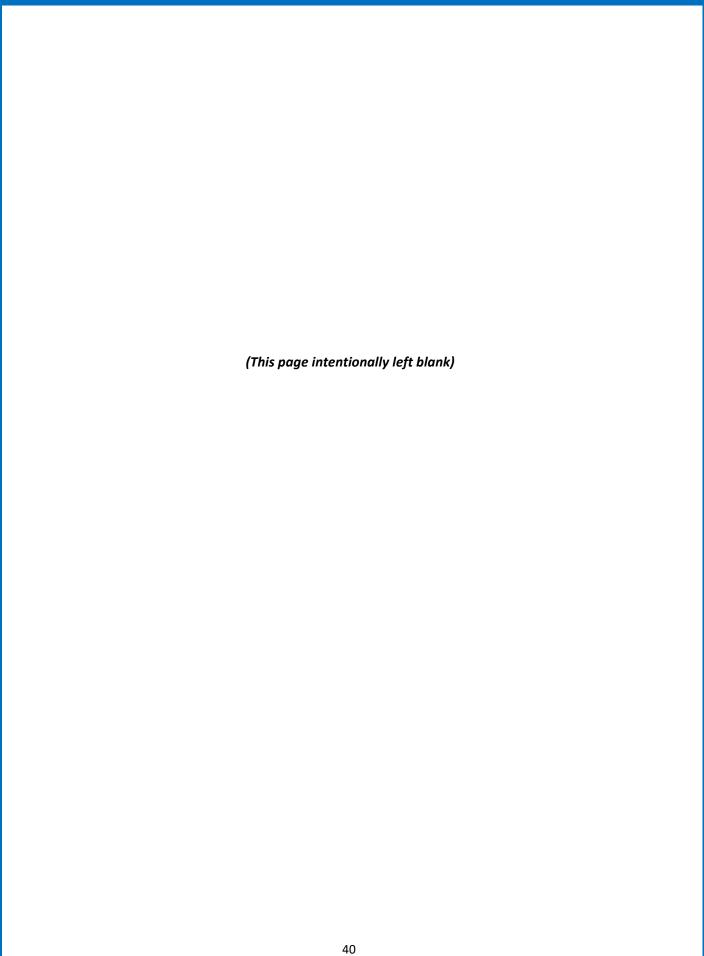
# SUPPLEMENTARY MEMBER PLAN INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

|   | The Minnesota ABLE Plan | Montana<br>ABLE Program | ABLE<br>Nevada |  |  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Additions   |                         |                         |                |  |  |
| Contributions   | \$ 2,716,551            | \$ 486,430              | \$ 1,097,251   |  |  |
| Net investment income   | 49,682                  | 2,458                   | 15,377         |  |  |
|   | 2,766,233               | 488,888                 | 1,112,628      |  |  |
| Deductions  |                         |                         |                |  |  |
| Withdrawals   | 447,851                 | 55,418                  | 175,471        |  |  |
| Total Deductions  | 447,851                 | 55,418                  | 175,471        |  |  |
| Net Increase  | 2,318,382               | 433,470                 | 937,157        |  |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Account Owners,<br>Beginning of Year | 512,208                 |                         | 128,770        |  |  |
| Net Position Held in Trust for Account Owners,<br>End of Year       | \$ 2,830,590            | \$ 433,470              | \$ 1,065,927   |  |  |

# SUPPLEMENTARY MEMBER PLAN INFORMATION STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION Year Ended June 30, 2018

### Pennsylvania ABI F Savings

|    | ABLE Savings |    |           |    |           |    |           |    |            |  |  |
|----|--------------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|-----------|----|------------|--|--|
| N  | J ABLE       |    | NC ABLE   |    | Program   | F  | RI's ABLE |    | Total      |  |  |
|    |              |    |           |    |           |    |           |    |            |  |  |
| \$ | 1,825        | \$ | 1,792,930 | \$ | 8,217,433 | \$ | 440,378   | \$ | 21,866,286 |  |  |
|    |              |    | 32,491    |    | 128,488   |    | 7,053     |    | 361,464    |  |  |
|    | 1,825        |    | 1,825,421 |    | 8,345,921 |    | 447,431   |    | 22,227,750 |  |  |
|    |              |    |           |    |           |    |           |    |            |  |  |
|    | 2            |    | 380,677   |    | 1,015,356 |    | 197,261   |    | 3,369,065  |  |  |
|    | 2            |    | 380,677   |    | 1,015,356 |    | 197,261   |    | 3,369,065  |  |  |
|    | 1,823        |    | 1,444,744 |    | 7,330,565 |    | 250,170   |    | 18,858,685 |  |  |
|    |              |    | 322,484   |    | 891,636   |    | 156,106   |    | 2,972,154  |  |  |
| \$ | 1,823        | \$ | 1,767,228 | \$ | 8,222,201 | \$ | 406,276   | \$ | 21,830,839 |  |  |





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Ascensus Investment Advisors, LLC, Administrator ABLE Consortium Trust Newton, Massachusetts

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the ABLE Consortium Trust (the Trust), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Trust's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 28, 2018.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements, we considered the Trust's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Trust's basic financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Trust's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

**Certified Public Accountants** 

Thomas & Thomas LLP

September 28, 2018 Little Rock, Arkansas