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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Dear Fellow Shareholder of The New Germany Fund:

If you want the board of directors to take action to address the discount, it is critical that you read and understand this letter.

The good news is that our proposal recommending that shareholders be afforded an opportunity to realize net asset value looks like it will pass by a wide margin - and the board already knows that. The bad news is that many shareholders voted for our proposal on management's white proxy card and the board will probably ignore the vote.

If you already voted for our net asset value proposal on management's white proxy card, you should immediately vote FOR it on our green proxy card. If you cannot find your green proxy card, please ask your broker to vote your shares on our green proxy card for you - but you must do it immediately.

If there is some reason you cannot vote on our green proxy card but you still want the board to take action to address the discount, that is more likely to happen if you don't vote now, i.e., if you rescind your white proxy card. Here is why not voting yet is preferable to voting on management's white proxy card.

Because the board has said it will not count our proxies without a court order, we will probably not attend the meeting. Without our proxies, there may not be a quorum which means no directors can be elected. If there is no quorum again next year, any shareholder can file a lawsuit to have the Fund liquidated and the proceeds paid to shareholders. To avoid that possibility, the board desperately wants to get a quorum. If you voted for open-ending on management's white proxy card, you may be unwittingly undermining your ability to influence the board to address the discount. That is because if the board can not get a quorum, they will most likely adjourn the meeting and make a concession, e.g., agree to conduct a self-tender offer to get

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enough additional proxies to reach a quorum.

The bottom line is that if you want an open-ending or a tender offer, the worst thing you can do is to vote on management's white proxy card. If you have any questions, please call me at (914) 747-5262 or e-mail me at oplp@optonline.net.

Yours truly,

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