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VIA EMAIL

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Dear Ms. Dobson and Ms. Flacks,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the 2020 Fossil Fuel Report Card and the opportunity to comment on it. We have maintained a constructive and transparent dialogue with Rainforest Action Network, BankTrack and some of the other sponsors of the annual Fossil Fuel Report Card for several years. While we annually provide detailed feedback to the Report Card's authors on its methodology and findings, we would like to share with you additional information not covered in the Report Card on our extensive efforts to address the climate crisis.

Citi recognizes the climate crisis as a central challenge to our global society and economy in the 21st Century. Our [Statement on Human Rights](#) (2018) notes that the global and long-term effects of climate change present a "systemic risk" to human rights. The Statement also makes clear that addressing this risk is at the forefront of our broader sustainability efforts to mitigate the impacts of our clients' activities, while increasing our involvement in environmental and sustainable finance.

Those efforts date back over a decade and have involved public advocacy, helping develop market-based initiatives to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy, such as the Green Bond Principles and the Natural Capital Declaration, and our evaluation of climate risk in project finance through implementation of the Equator Principles, which we co-founded in 2003. As noted, a central pillar of our work has been a series of ambitious sustainable finance goals dating back to 2007. We achieved the most recent of these – our 10-year goal to finance and facilitate \$100 billion in environmental finance – in just over 5 years.

Citi has also taken steps to address the concentration of risk in sectors linked to fossil fuels. Building on our previous coal sector approaches, in the past year we enhanced our ESRM Policy to prohibit all project-related financial services for coal-fired power plants and thermal coal mines and instituted a

phase-out of business to thermal coal mining companies globally by 2030. We have also committed to review our power utility clients' climate risk mitigation and alignment with a 2°C warming scenario. We were also early adopters of the Recommendations of the FSB's Taskforce on Climate-related Financial Disclosures, detailing our initial implementation efforts in our November 2018 TCFD report, [*Finance for a Climate-Resilient Future*](#). We are carrying that initial work forward and hope to communicate additional progress in our 2020 TCFD report to be published later this year. For more on our approach to the climate crisis and further details about our policies, please see Citi's [Environmental and Social Policy Framework](#).

We recognize that much work remains to be done and appreciate the opportunity to share with you and other stakeholders our progress to date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ariel Meyerstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ariel" being more prominent than the last name "Meyerstein".

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