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Message to Ally Associates

January 4, 2016

Ally Leaders:

Today the company announced that one of our stockholders, Lion Point Capital, submitted a nomination for two directors to stand for election to the Ally Board of Directors at the annual meeting in May. The board will carefully consider and evaluate the nominations and communicate to stockholders in due course.

Lion Point advised us that they would take this step if Ally did not comply with a number of demands, including the formation of a Strategic Alternatives Committee of the board. We received the demand letter shortly before Christmas and since that time have engaged with Lion Point to discuss their proposal.

The Ally Board and the Compensation, Nomination, and Governance Committee carefully reviewed the Lion Point demands and concluded that establishing a Strategic Alternatives Committee of the board would not be in the best interests of Ally shareholders, which is the lens by which we evaluate these proposals.

Lion Point is a hedge fund formed in 2014, and it has advised Ally that the firm holds under 1 percent of Ally's common stock.

From an operational perspective, we have much to be proud of, and 2015 boasted many accomplishments in all areas of our business. We need to continue that momentum in 2016 and deliver on our goals each and every day as we build a great company and deliver improved shareholder value over time.

To be clear, the Lion Point nominations have no impact on our operations, and we should remain squarely focused on serving the needs of our customers and delivering the competitive products and services they have come to expect from the company.

Shareholder proposals and activism are not unusual in the corporate landscape, and you should feel confident in the board's ability to manage these matters. I continue to be very encouraged about the opportunities ahead and the kind of company we can build together.

Thank you for all you do.

Jeff Brown (JB)
Chief Executive Officer

Important Additional Information

Ally Financial Inc. ("Ally") intends to file a proxy statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the

"SEC") with respect to the 2016 Annual Meeting. ALLY STOCKHOLDERS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO READ ANY SUCH PROXY STATEMENT, THE ACCOMPANYING

PROXY CARD AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

Ally, its directors, executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Ally stockholders in connection with the matters to be considered at Ally's 2016 Annual Meeting. Information about Ally's directors and executive officers is available in Ally's proxy statement, dated April, 8, 2015, for its 2015 Annual Meeting, its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, which was filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015, its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the first three quarters of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 filed on May 1, 2015, July 30, 2015 and October 29, 2015, respectively and its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which were filed with the SEC on July 22, 2015, June 15, 2015, March 20, 2015 and February 5, 2015. To the extent holdings of Ally's securities by such directors or executive officers have changed since the amounts printed in the 2015 proxy statement, such changes have been or will be reflected on Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. More detailed information regarding the identity of potential participants, and their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be set forth in the proxy statement and other materials to be filed with the SEC in connection with Ally's 2016 Annual Meeting. Stockholders will be able to obtain any proxy statement, any amendments or supplements to the proxy statement and other documents filed by Ally with the SEC free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Copies also will be available free of charge at Ally's website at www.ally.com or by contacting Ally's Investor Relations at 1-866-710-4623.

Forward-Looking Statements

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While these statements represent our current judgment on what the future may hold, and we believe these judgments are reasonable, these statements are not guarantees of any events or financial results, and Ally's actual results may differ materially due to numerous important factors that are described in the most recent reports on SEC Forms 10-K and 10-Q for Ally, each of which may be revised or supplemented in subsequent reports filed with the SEC. Such factors include, among others, the following: maintaining the mutually beneficial relationship between Ally and General Motors, and Ally and Chrysler, and our ability to further diversify our business; our ability to maintain relationships with automotive dealers; the significant regulation and restrictions that we are subject to as a bank holding company and financial holding company; the potential for deterioration in the residual value of off-lease vehicles; disruptions in the market in which we fund our operations, with resulting negative impact on our liquidity; changes in our accounting assumptions that may require or that result from changes in the accounting rules or their application, which could result in an impact on earnings; changes in our credit ratings; changes in economic conditions, currency exchange rates or political stability in the markets in which we operate; and changes in the existing or the adoption of new laws, regulations, policies or other activities of governments, agencies and similar organizations (including as a result of the Dodd-Frank Act and Basel III).

Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Ally undertakes no obligation to update publicly or otherwise revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or other such factors that affect the subject of these statements, except where expressly required by law.

