

Part II Organizational Action *(continued)*

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ [See Statement 1](#)

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ [See Statement 1](#)

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ [See Statement 1](#)

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

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Signature ▶ *John Triolo* Date ▶ 1/15/2021

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**Information Furnished Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 6045B
Relating to Actions Affecting the Basis of Securities**

Issuer's Name: Western Asset Variable Global High Yield Bond Portfolio
EIN: 13-3986365
Ticker and CUSIP: See Table Below
Classification: Various classes of stock issued by a Regulated Investment Company

The Fund has determined that a portion of the distributions listed below that were paid during the taxable period ended December 31, 2020, are classified as return of capital:

Class	CUSIP	NASDAQ Symbol	Record Date	Ex-Dividend and Payable Date	Ordinary Income Per Share	Return of Capital Per Share	Total Distribution Per Share
I	52467K839	QLMYIX	06/17/2020	06/18/2020	0.001430	-	0.001430
I	52467K839	QLMYIX	12/10/2020	12/11/2020	0.291373	0.001467	0.292840
				Class I Total	0.292803	0.001467	0.294270
II	52467K821	QLMYTX	06/17/2020	06/18/2020	0.001430	-	0.001430
II	52467K821	QLMYTX	12/10/2020	12/11/2020	0.273895	0.001379	0.275274
				Class II Total	0.275325	0.001379	0.276704

A return of capital is not considered taxable income to shareholders. Pursuant to IRC Section 301(c), the portion of a distribution which is a dividend (as defined under IRC Section 316) is includable in gross income while the portion of the distribution which is not a dividend shall be applied against and reduces the adjusted basis of the stock. Accordingly, shareholders who received these distributions should not include these amounts in taxable income, but instead pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Sections 301(c)(2) and 1016(a)(4), should treat them as a reduction of the cost basis of the applicable shares upon which these distributions were paid. In order to compute the required adjustment to cost basis, a shareholder should multiply the per share amount of each of the respective distributions by the number of shares held at each of the respective ex-dates.

If the shareholder has not sold or otherwise disposed of any shares during the period ended December 31, 2020 the information computed by the shareholder regarding the appropriate reduction in cost basis should be maintained in the shareholder's records until such time as the shareholder sells or otherwise disposes of such shares.

If the shareholder has sold or otherwise disposed of any shares during the period ended December 31, 2020, the shareholder should increase the recognized gain or decrease the recognized loss on the respective shares sold by the per share amount of the above-listed distribution multiplied by the respective shares held at each of the ex-dates listed which have been sold.

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