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Dear Clients,

January was a month of upheaval. The attack on our capitol on January 6th is a day that will likely reside in our memories like people remembering where they were when Pearl Harbor was bombed, when John Kennedy was assassinated, and the day the Challenger space ship exploded.

At the end of January, a brokerage firm named Robinhood experienced active trading on a few stocks that were thought to be sold short by large investment funds. The headlines read that this was an effort to hurt short sellers. Maybe that is true. But the evidence is that many clients of Robinhood were not necessarily neophytes to stock trading and they were particularly adept at "encouraging" short covering so the target stock prices would elevate. Somehow in all of this, our clients' long-term holding of iRobot (IRBT) began a vertical move. I have felt that the fundamentals of iRobot are very attractive: increasing sales, enjoys a large share of the global robotic vacuuming market, strong balance sheet with nice cash balances, and new products for the future (i.e., robotic lawn mower). On January 20, IRBT was trading at \$94. On January 27th, one week later, we sold the shares for \$170. Today it traded as low as \$104. There is a possibility that we will buy IRBT shares back into client accounts.

We are not accountants, so you need to seek advice from your professional tax advisors. Having said that, please allow me to suggest that you see if there are past tax losses that you can bring forward to offset gains in your non-retirement taxable accounts.

As always, thank you very much for your business and referrals!

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' and 'e'.