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Dear Mr. Bene,

Re: investor support for Science Based Targets and complementary energy commitments

As institutional investors representing over \$1 trillion in assets under management, we are writing to you about the importance of setting credible and robust targets, in order to reduce your greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We wish to invest in environmentally and financially sustainable companies that are prepared for and contributing to the low-carbon economy.

Companies are facing increasing pressure to disclose and manage climate-related risks and opportunities following the Paris Agreement and the work of the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD).

The number of companies who are now committed to taking strong climate action through the [We Mean Business coalition 'Take Action' platform](#) represents 20% of the global economy.

In this context, we are pleased to see the progress Sysco has made on improving energy efficiency by 12.1% on 2006 levels and your plans to provide 20% of your operational energy demand from renewable sources by 2025.

We are writing to suggest that you build on this good progress by committing to set a science-based target to reduce your GHG emissions in line with the Paris Agreement, and by making complementary clean energy commitments.

The science-based target initiative provides a methodology that helps companies to align their emissions with climate science and the international climate goal(s) as set forth by the Paris-agreement. As such, science-based target setting is a strategic tool to help inform company decision-making and resource allocation, drive innovation and improve competitive advantage. Over 515 companies including Farmer Brothers Company have already committed through the [Science Based Targets initiative \(sciencebasedtargets.org\)](#) to set emissions reduction targets that will bring them in line with a 'below 2°C' scenario.

Meanwhile, clean energy and transport commitments can help to cost-effectively reduce your GHG emissions and deliver on a science-based target. We encourage corporate

commitments to: source 100% renewable electricity through [RE100](#) (164 companies committed), increase energy productivity through [EP100](#) (39 companies committed) and/or promote the uptake of electric vehicles through [EV100](#) (31 companies committed). Any one of these initiatives, led by The Climate Group, as well as setting science-based targets, would enable Sysco to publicly showcase your climate leadership.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these proposals. We would be delighted to see Sysco set ambitious targets and secure its place as a leader in the low-carbon transition.

Please contact ShareAction, the responsible investment organisation that coordinates this investor group (the Investor Decarbonisation Initiative) to discuss these proposals. ShareAction can also arrange introductions to the relevant organisations coordinating these corporate leadership programmes.

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