



# Corporate Engagement Update

Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing | Bailard

Bailard's approach to corporate engagement focuses on both the shareholder process and supporting other stakeholders working to improve disclosures on important environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues. Bailard's Sustainable, Responsible and Impact Investing (SRII) group typically focuses its corporate engagement efforts on the following areas:

## ENVIRONMENTAL

- Climate change
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Global water issues
- Biodiversity & habitat protection
- Sustainability reporting
- Renewable energy and decarbonization

## SOCIAL

- Human rights
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Social justice
- Supply chain management
- Workplace practices
- Income inequality

## GOVERNANCE

- Shareholder rights
- Board structure & independence
- Executive compensation
- Risk management
- Ethical standards
- Policies & procedures on corporate political giving

## Recent Activity

- Bailard led a call with **Enphase** on which we encouraged the company to complete [CDP's Climate Questionnaire](#) this year; the company expressed a desire to do so, if time allows
- Bailard co-led the drafting and sending of a letter to **The J.M. Smucker Company** requesting a call to speak with the company about the [Ceres Valuing Water Finance Initiative](#)
- Also as a part of the [Ceres Valuing Water Finance Initiative](#), Bailard signed onto letters to **Alphabet** and **Amazon** calling on them to improve their water use practices and policies
- As a part of the [As You Sow Plastic Solutions Investor Alliance](#), Bailard signed onto [a letter](#) calling on companies - including **Nestle** - to reduce their plastic footprint
- As a part of the [ICCR Gun Safety Working Group](#), Bailard signed onto [a letter](#) to credit card companies - including **Visa** - supporting the implementation of a merchant category code for gun and ammunition stores

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# Partner Organizations

## As You Sow

The goal of As You Sow (AYS) is to create large-scale systemic change by establishing sustainable and equitable corporate practices. Bailard supports the corporate engagement work of AYS, and Bailard's Blaine Townsend (SRII Director) has been collaborating with AYS since 1997.

[www.asyousow.org](http://www.asyousow.org)

## Ceres

Ceres works with investors specifically to better manage carbon, water and supply chain risks, and to ramp up global investments in clean energy and sustainable food and water systems. Bailard is a member of the Ceres Investor Network.

[www.ceres.org](http://www.ceres.org)

## CPA-Zicklin Index

Bailard is a sponsor of the CPA-Zicklin Index, which benchmarks the political disclosure and accountability policies and practices of leading U.S. public companies. It is produced by the Center for Political Accountability in conjunction with the Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research.

[www.politicalaccountability.net](http://www.politicalaccountability.net)

## CDP

CDP is a nonprofit that runs the global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts, with a focus on disclosure of carbon emissions, water use and deforestation. Bailard is a CDP Investor Signatory.

[www.cdp.net](http://www.cdp.net)

## Climate Action 100+

Climate Action 100+ is an investor-led initiative organized to ensure that the world's largest corporate greenhouse gas emitters make clear commitments to cut emissions, improve governance and strengthen climate-related financial disclosures. Bailard is a signatory of Climate Action 100+.

[www.climateaction100.org](http://www.climateaction100.org)

## PRI

The PRI seeks to build a sustainable global financial system by encouraging adoption and implementation of the six Principles for Responsible Investment. Bailard is a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment. The PRI is supported by, but not part of, the United Nations.

[www.unpri.org](http://www.unpri.org)

## ICCR

Bailard is an affiliate member of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR) - a membership organization of over 300 faith and values-based organizations, which engage hundreds of large multi-national corporations each year on social and environmental issues.

[www.iccr.org](http://www.iccr.org)

## Moskowitz Prize

Bailard is a sponsor of the Moskowitz Prize, a premier global prize for research in sustainable and responsible finance. The prize is currently presented by Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

[www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/social-impact/academics/moskowitz-prize.aspx](http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/social-impact/academics/moskowitz-prize.aspx)

***“Disclosure on environmental and social performance is increasingly the expectation rather than the exception.”***

*– Ceres*

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