

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2020 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2020</u> and ending <u>12/31/2020</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information				
1a Name of plan <u>KERN, INC. 401(K) PLAN</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>001</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1999</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/1999</u>	
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2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>KERN, INC.</u> <u>3940 GANTZ RD</u> <u>SUITE A</u> <u>GROVE CITY, OH 42123</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-3538481</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>614-317-2572</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u></td> </tr> </table>	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-3538481</u>	2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>614-317-2572</u>	2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u>	
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2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541990</u>					

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/14/2021	ELVA PARFITT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	196
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		6a(1)	172
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	148
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	0
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	39
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	187
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	0
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	187
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	166
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 2S 3D			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☒ <u>1</u> A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2020 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2020 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2020 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020	
A Name of plan KERN, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-3538481

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
36-6071399	70688	602252	166	01/01/2020	12/31/2020

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	1219899
5	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	8202634

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

b	Premiums paid to carrier	6b	
c	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year	6c	
d	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. Specify nature of costs ▶	6d	

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity
(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ STABLE VALUE OPTION

b	Balance at the end of the previous year	7b	1054504
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c	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year	7c(1)	78049	
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	7c(2)		
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	7c(3)	10417	
	(4) Transferred from separate account.....	7c(4)	645937	
	(5) Other (specify below)	7c(5)	40286	

▶ FORFEITURES & LOANS

(6) Total additions	7c(6)	774689
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d	Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6))	7d	1829193
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e	Deductions:			
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year	7e(1)	141882	
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	7e(2)	10466	
	(3) Transferred to separate account.....	7e(3)	404776	
	(4) Other (specify below)	7e(4)	52170	

▶ FORFEITURES & LOANS

(5) Total deductions	7e(5)	609294
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f	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)	7f	1219899
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Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
 b ☐ Dental
 c ☐ Vision
 d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
 f ☐ Long-term disability
 g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
 h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
 j ☐ HMO contract
 k ☐ PPO contract
 l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3))		9a(4)	
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2))		9b(3)	
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.)		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. Specify nature of costs.	10b	

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INSURAN
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 52 62 64 67	RECORDKEEPER	24029	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MERRILL LYNCH LIFE AGENCY, INC

13-2808480

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
23 27 53	ADVISOR	25782	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)
(Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>STATE STREET RUSSELL SM CAP VAL IND</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-355</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>291600</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS NEW WORLD RET ACCT</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-625</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>163962</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TA VANGUARD REIT INDEX RET ACCT</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-130</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>203002</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TA VANGUARD TOTAL STCK MRKT INDEX R</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-166</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>1188415</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>AMERICAN FUNDS NEW PERSPECTIVE RET</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-255</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>324426</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>HARTFORD MID CAP RET ACCT</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-726</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>298117</u>		
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>BNY MELLON GLOBAL FIXED INCOME RET</u>				
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.</u>				
c EIN-PN <u>36-6071399-761</u>	d Entity code <u>P</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>229934</u>		

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LORD ABBETT HI YLD RET ACCT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 36-6071399-660	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 235250
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WESTERN ASSET CORE PLUS BD RET ACCT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 36-6071399-609	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2398882
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: HARTFORD INTRNTL OPPS RET ACCT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 36-6071399-643	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 340622
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: FIDELITY ADVISOR NEW INSIGHTS RET A		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 36-6071399-944	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1172493
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: PUTNAM EQUITY INCOME RET ACCT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 36-6071399-957	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1189548
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN 2020 TARGET DATE RETIREMEN		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 83-1098532-292	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 33
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AMERICAN 2030 TARGET DATE RETIREMEN		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 83-1098532-294	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 166350
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TA RETONTRK 2020 W AMERFDS RETACCT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 83-1098532-686	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TA RETONTRK 2030 W AMERFDS RETACCT		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TRANSAMERICA FINANCIAL LIFE INS. CO.		
c EIN-PN 83-1098532-688	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 0
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2020 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020		
A Name of plan KERN, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-3538481	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement		
1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.			
Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	183	88
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	178559	241953
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	7583307	8202634
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	1054504	1219899
(15) Other.....	1c(15)		

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1)	
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	8816553 9664574
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j	3956 6446
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	3956 6446
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	8812597 9658128

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
Income			
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	82929
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	673100
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	1992
(2)	Noncash contributions	2a(2)	
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	758021
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)	
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
	(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	11101
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	10417
	(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)	21518
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)	
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)	
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)	
	(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		1053329
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		1832868

Expenses**e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:

(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	939114	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		939114
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		1000
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	25782	
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	21441	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4)	2i(5)		47223
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		987337

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		845531
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **BDO USA, LLP**

(2) EIN: **38-1357951**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		5000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n		X	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2020 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2020 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2020 and ending 12/31/2020		
A Name of plan KERN, INC. 401(K) PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 KERN, INC.		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-3538481
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 13-3689044		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2020 v. 200204		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a	
14b	
14c	

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15a	
15b	

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16a	
16b	

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:
☐ Yes.
☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.
☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.
☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

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**Financial Statements and
Supplemental Schedule**
As of and for the Years Ended
December 31, 2020 and 2019

The report accompanying these financial statements was issued by

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Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule
As of and for the Years Ended December 31, 2020 and 2019

Kern, Inc.
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Note: Other schedules required by Section 2520.103.10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA have been omitted because they are not applicable.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator
Kern, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Grove City, Ohio

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit for the 2020 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Kern, Inc. 401(k) (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2020 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2020 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency (qualified institution), provided that the investment information is prepared and certified to by the qualified institution in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2020, and for the year then ended, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2020 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2020 Financial Statements* section of our report:

- the amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2020 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP); and
- the certified investment information in the accompanying 2020 financial statements agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).



Basis for Opinion on the 2020 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2020 Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments. Management is also responsible for administering the Plan and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2020 Financial Statements

Except as described in the *Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2020 Financial Statements* section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 2020 financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.

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- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2020 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the 2020 financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with GAAP.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter – 2020 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The 2020 supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the 2020 financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2020 financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the 2020 financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the 2020 financial statements or to the 2020 financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified investment information in the supplemental schedule agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by a qualified institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Other Matter – Report on the 2019 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the statement of net assets available for benefits and statement of changes in net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2019 and for the year then ended. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by the qualified institution. Our audit report, dated October 14, 2020, indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2019 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2019 financial statements other than that derived from the information certified by the qualified institution were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

BDO USA, LLP

Columbus, Ohio
October 14, 2021

Financial Statements

Kern, Inc.
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Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>December 31,</i>	2020	2019
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Pooled separate accounts	\$ 8,202,634	\$ 7,583,307
Total investments, at fair value	8,202,634	7,583,307
Investments, at contract value		
Stable value fund	1,219,899	1,054,504
Total investments, at contract value	1,219,899	1,054,504
Total investments	9,422,533	8,637,811
Participant contributions receivable	88	183
Notes receivable from participants	241,953	178,559
Total Assets	9,664,574	8,816,553
Liabilities		
Excess contributions payable to participants	(6,446)	(3,956)
Total Liabilities	(6,446)	(3,956)
Net Assets Available for Benefits	\$ 9,658,128	\$ 8,812,597

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

<i>Years Ended December 31,</i>	2020	2019
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Investment income:		
Interests and dividends	\$ 10,417	\$ 13,010
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,053,329	1,515,471
Total investment income, net	1,063,746	1,528,481
Interest on notes receivable from participants	11,101	11,794
Employee contributions	675,092	675,488
Employer matching contributions	82,929	82,022
Total Additions	1,832,868	2,297,785
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	940,114	644,944
Administrative expenses	47,223	31,177
Total Deductions	987,337	676,121
Net Increase	845,531	1,621,664
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Beginning of year	8,812,597	7,190,933
End of year	\$ 9,658,128	\$ 8,812,597

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Kern, Inc.
401(k) Plan**

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Kern, Inc. (the Plan Sponsor and/or the Company) 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of the Company who have completed three months of service and are age 20 or older. Participants may enter the Plan the first day of the month following meeting eligibility requirements. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

On April 23, 2019, the Plan transferred its assets from Fidelity Management Trust Company to Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc.

Contributions

The Plan provides for employee salary 401(k) contributions up to a maximum of 100% of pretax annual compensation subject to maximum tax-deferred limitations established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Plan allows participants to contribute up to 100% of their compensation on an after-tax basis subject to IRS limitations. Participants may also make contributions to the Plan in the form of a rollover of funds from another qualified plan.

The Company may make annual discretionary contributions and matching contributions. No discretionary contributions were made by the Company in 2020 or 2019. The Company made matching contributions in an amount equal to a participant's contributions, up to 1% of eligible compensation in 2020 and 2019.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Company's contributions and plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Participants may direct the investments of their account balances into various investment options offered by the Plan.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their salary reduction account a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000, not to exceed 50% of their vested account balance. Participants may have two outstanding loan at a time, including any refinancing of an existing loan. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at the prime interest rate at loan inception. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions. Loan terms shall not exceed five years, unless the loan was used to acquire a principal residence in which case the terms may not extend beyond ten years.

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Vesting

Participants are immediately 100% vested in employee salary, employer matching and rollover contributions and any income or loss thereon. Vesting in the Company's discretionary contribution portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of service. Participants vest in discretionary contributions made by the Company 25% after two years of service and another 25% per year thereafter until they become fully vested after five years of service.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to termination, death, disability, or retirement at age 60, a participant, or his or her beneficiary, will receive a lump-sum amount equal to 100% of the participant's account balance, less any applicable tax withholdings. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Hardship Withdrawals

Participants may request that all or a portion of their deferral contributions from their account be distributed in the case of severe financial hardship, as defined in the Plan agreement. The Company must approve any such hardship withdrawals.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in the Plan agreement and ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants become 100% vested in their account balances.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual method of accounting.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and deductions during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value, other than fully benefit-responsive investment contracts (FBRICs), which are reported at contract value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year.

The Plan invests in FBRICs through the Stable Value Fund. The Stable Value Fund is a FBRIC and stated at contract value, which is the amount Plan participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

Plan participants may select how their accounts are invested from investment options offered by the Plan. The value of the accumulated shares for each investment varies daily and reflects investment results, including dividends and market value changes (based on quoted market values), less an amount for expenses of the investment fund.

Participant Notes Receivable

Participant notes receivable are measured at their unpaid principal balances plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2020 or 2019. Delinquent participant loans are recorded as distributions based on the terms of the Plan agreement.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses incurred maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment-related expenses are included in net appreciation in the fair value of investments within the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between January 1, 2021 and October 14, 2021, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued for possible recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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3. Summary of Financial Data Certification

In accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5(c) of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc. has certified as complete and accurate the following information at December 31, 2020 and 2019 and for the period from April 24, 2019 to December 31, 2019 including the comparable information in the accompanying supplemental schedule. Fidelity Management Trust Company has certified as complete and accurate the following information for the period from January 1, 2019 to April 23, 2019:

<i>December 31,</i>	2020	2019
Investments, at fair value	\$ 8,202,634	\$ 7,583,307
Investments, at contract value	1,219,899	1,054,504
Total Investments	\$ 9,422,533	\$ 8,637,811
<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2020	2019
Interest and dividends	\$ 10,417	\$ 13,010
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,053,329	1,515,471

As directed by the plan administrator, no auditing procedures have been performed on the above certified information except to compare such information to the information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule.

4. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near-term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization ("WHO") announced a global health emergency because of a new strain of coronavirus originating in Wuhan, China (the "COVID-19 outbreak") and the risks to the international community as the virus spreads globally beyond its point of origin. In March 2020, the WHO classified the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in exposure globally.

The full impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of this report. This pandemic has adversely affected global economic activity and contributed to volatility in financial markets. Since the values of the Plan's individual investments have and will fluctuate in response to changing market conditions, the amount of losses that will be recognized in subsequent periods, if any, and related impact on the Plan's liquidity cannot be determined at this time.

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On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.” The CARES Act, among other things, includes several relief provisions available to tax-qualified retirement plans and their participants. Plan management has evaluated the impact the CARES Act on the Plan’s financial statements and did not implement any of the provisions.

5. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement* are described as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Plan can access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified contractual term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurements.

The asset’s fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Pooled separate accounts: Stated at fair value as determined by the issuer of the pooled separate accounts (PSAs) based on the net asset value (NAV) of the underlying investments. The NAV as provided by Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc., and is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the funds less its liabilities. This practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the funds will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. Were the Plan to initiate a full redemption of the PSAs, the investment advisor reserves the right to temporarily delay withdrawal from the funds

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in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly manner. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments on these investments.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at NAV:				
Pooled separate accounts*				\$ 8,202,634
Total investments, at fair value				\$ 8,202,634

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2019				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Investments measured at NAV:				
Pooled separate accounts*				\$ 7,583,307
Total investments, at fair value				\$ 7,583,307

**Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been categorized in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit a reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.*

6. Investment in Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contract

Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc. offers a stable value fund. The stable value fund is considered to be a fully benefit-responsive investment contract. Contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits. Contract value, as reported by Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc., is the beginning balance plus any deposit and credited interest, less any withdrawals, charges, or expenses. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc. or otherwise. The contract value of the investment contract was \$1,219,899 and \$1,054,504 at December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively. This investment seeks to protect against any loss of principal while providing returns in excess of money market funds and one year U.S. Treasury Bills. The investment has a portfolio investment rate design in which all deposits are credited with the same interest rate, on a daily basis, and with no set maturity. The effective credited interest rate is set semi-annually and effective on the first day of the semi-annual period. Contract charges may reduce this return.

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Certain events may limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc. The events include: Plan amendments or changes, company mergers or consolidations, group terminations or layoffs, implementation of an early retirement program, termination or partial termination of the Plan, failure to meet certain tax qualifications, Plan sponsor withdrawals without the appropriate notice to the Stable Value Fund's investment manager and/or wrap contract issuers, any changes in laws or regulations that would result in substantial withdrawals from the Plan, and default by the Plan sponsor in honoring its credit obligations, insolvency, or bankruptcy if such events could result in withdrawals. In general, FBRIC issuers may terminate the contract and settle at other than contract value due to changes in the qualification status of the Company or the Plan, breach of material obligations under the contract and misrepresentation by the contract holder, or failure of the underlying portfolio to conform to the pre-established investment guidelines. Plan management believes that the occurrence of such events that would cause the Plan to transact at less than contract value is not probable.

7. Tax Status

The Plan obtained its opinion letter on March 31, 2014 in which the Internal Revenue Service stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. The plan administrator and trustee have analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and have concluded that as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements.

8. Party-in-interest Transactions

Parties-in-interest are defined under DOL regulations as any fiduciary of the Plan, any party rendering service to the Plan, the Plan Sponsor and/or Company and certain others. Professional fees for the administration and audit of the Plan are paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan.

Certain plan assets are in investment funds managed by Transamerica Life Insurance Company Inc. or its affiliates (Transamerica), the trustee of the plan; or were managed by Fidelity Management Trust Company prior to April 24, 2019. Therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in interest transactions as defined under ERISA guidelines.

Supplemental Schedule

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**Employer Identification Number 22-3538481 Plan 001
Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
December 31, 2020**

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment, including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Western Asset Core Plus Bond Ret Acct	**	\$ 2,398,882
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Putnam Equity Income Ret Acct	**	1,189,548
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	TA Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Ret Acct	**	1,188,415
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Fidelity Advisor New Insights Ret Acct	**	1,172,493
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Hartford International Opportunities Ret Acct	**	340,623
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American Funds New Perspective Ret Acct	**	324,426
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Hartford Mid Cap Ret Acct	**	298,117
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	State Street Russell Small Cap Value Index Ret Acct	**	291,600
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Lord Abbett High Yield Ret Acct	**	235,251
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Dreyfus/Standish Global Fixed Income Ret Acct	**	229,934
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	TA Vanguard REIT Index Ret Acct	**	203,002
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement Ret Acct	**	166,350
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American Funds New World Ret Acct	**	163,962
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement Ret Acct	**	33
		Total Pooled Separate Accounts		8,202,634
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Transamerica Stable Value Core Account	**	1,219,899
		Total Stable Value Funds		1,219,899
*	Participants	Notes receivable from participants with interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 6.50%	**	241,953
		Total Investments		\$ 9,664,486

* Party-in-interest to the Plan

** Cost information not required

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(a)	(b) Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value	(d) CURRENT VALUE
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Transamerica Stable Value Core Account	\$ 1,219,899
		Stable Fund Total	\$ 1,219,899
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	State Street Russell Small Cap Value Index Ret Acct	\$ 291,600
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American Funds New World Ret Acct	\$ 163,962
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	TA Vanguard REIT Index Ret Acct	\$ 203,002
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	TA Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Ret Acct	\$ 1,188,415
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American Funds New Perspective Ret Acct	\$ 324,426
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Hartford Mid Cap Ret Acct	\$ 298,117
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Dreyfus/Standish Global Fixed Income Ret Acct	\$ 229,934
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Lord Abbett High Yield Ret Acct	\$ 235,250
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Western Asset Core Plus Bond Ret Acct	\$ 2,398,882
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Hartford International Opportunities Ret Acct	\$ 340,622
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Fidelity Advisor New Insights Ret Acct	\$ 1,172,493
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	Putnam Equity Income Ret Acct	\$ 1,189,548
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American 2020 Target Date Retirement	\$ 33
*	Transamerica Financial Life Ins. Co.	American 2030 Target Date Retirement	\$ 166,350
		Separate Funds Total	\$ 8,202,634
*	Participants	Notes Receivable with interest rates of 4.25% to 6.50%	\$ 241,953
		TOTAL PLAN ASSETS	\$ 9,664,486

* Indicates Party-In-Interest to the Plan