

ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
Form DEFA14A  
April 27, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14A-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

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**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**THE ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.**

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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.

April 27, 2010

Dear Valued Shareholder:

We need your help. The annual meeting of shareholders of **The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.** is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and as of the date of this letter our records indicate that we have not yet received your important proxy vote.

**It is critical that your proxy vote is received before May 11<sup>th</sup>.** Failure to secure sufficient votes for the items on the agenda will result in additional costly solicitation efforts and could delay the important business of the fund. **The Board of Directors has unanimously recommended a FOR vote on all proposals. Please help us by casting your vote today.**

Proxy materials were originally mailed to you on or about April 7<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed you will find another copy of your proxy ballot(s) which list the matters to be voted on. If you have cast your proxy vote since this letter was mailed, we thank you sincerely for your participation. **If you have not yet cast your vote, please do so today.** We need your proxy vote, regardless of how many shares you own.

**If you need another copy of the proxy statement, have any proxy-related questions, or if you would like to vote your proxy by phone, please call 1-877-297-1739 for assistance.** I thank you in advance for your help with this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

George R. Aylward

Chairman of the Board and President of The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.

**Please take a moment now to cast your vote using one of the voting options listed below.**

1. **Vote by Phone with a Live Representative Today!** You may cast your vote by calling our toll-free proxy hotline at 1-877-297-1739. Representatives are available to record your vote Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
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