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Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Shareholder:

We present this semiannual report for Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc., covering the six-month period from October 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002. Inside, you'll find valuable information about how the fund was managed during the reporting period, including a discussion with the fund's portfolio manager, Joseph Darcy.

As of the reporting period's close, we have seen signs of economic recovery, which may signal an end to the U.S. economic recession. As the economy has gained strength, however, the municipal bond market has given back a portion of the gains achieved during its 2001 rally.

Indeed, the municipal bond market's direction becomes clearer only when viewed from a perspective measured in full economic cycles. Although you may become excited about the tax-exempt income opportunities or worried about the challenges presented under current market conditions, we encourage you to stop and think of your long-term goals before you take action. And, as always, we urge you to solicit the advice of a professional financial advisor who can help you navigate a smoother course to financial security for yourself and your family. For our part, and as we have for more than 50 years, we at The Dreyfus Corporation are ready to serve you with a full range of investment alternatives and our experienced teams of portfolio managers.

Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Stephen E. Canter

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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The Dreyfus Corporation  
April 15, 2002

### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Joseph Darcy, Portfolio Manager

How did Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. perform during the period?

For the six-month period ended March 31, 2002, the fund achieved a total return of -0.49%. (1) Over the same period, the fund provided income dividends of \$0.264 per share, which is equal to an annualized distribution rate of 6.13%. (2)

We attribute the fund's performance to market weakness late in the reporting period, which effectively offset earlier gains. Municipal bond prices declined sharply in March when the Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") suggested that its aggressive interest-rate reduction campaign was probably finished.

What is the fund's investment approach?

The fund seeks to maximize current income exempt from federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital from a portfolio primarily of municipal bonds.

We generally employ two primary strategies. First, we attempt to add value by evaluating interest-rate trends and supply-and-demand factors. Based on that assessment, we look for bonds that we believe can potentially provide high current levels of income. We look at such criteria as the bond's yield, price, age, the creditworthiness of its issuer and any provisions for early redemption

Second, we actively manage the fund's average duration -- a measure of sensitivity to changes in interest rates -- in anticipation of temporary supply-and-demand changes. For example, if we expect the supply of newly issued bonds to increase temporarily, we may reduce the fund's average duration to make cash available for the purchase of what we believe can potentially be higher yielding securities. Conversely, if

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### DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED)

we expect demand for municipal bonds to surge at a time when we anticipate little issuance, we may increase the fund's average duration to maintain then current yields for as long as we think practical.

When bonds held by the fund mature or are redeemed by their issuers, we generally attempt to replace them with newly issued comparable securities. We also may look to upgrade the portfolio investments, when we deem appropriate, with newly issued bonds that, in our opinion, have better structural or income characteristics than existing holdings.

What other factors influenced the fund's performance?

For most of the reporting period, the fund benefited from lower interest rates. In response to persistent economic weakness, which was intensified by the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Fed continued to reduce short-term interest rates during the fourth quarter of 2001, taking the benchmark federal funds rate

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down to its lowest level in 40 years. As a result, yields on municipal bonds continued to fall, and their prices rose.

In March, however, the Fed shifted from its accommodative monetary policy to a neutral stance, primarily in response to evidence that the U.S. economy had begun to recover. Many fixed-income investors interpreted this shift as a signal that the Fed's next moves would be toward higher interest rates. While we do not expect any rate hikes in the immediate future, these expectations were nonetheless factored into long-term municipal bond prices, which erased earlier gains.

In this environment, we maintained the fund's average duration within the neutral range in our view, enabling the fund to avoid the brunt of the market's March decline without unduly sacrificing income. As some of the fund's holdings reached maturity or were redeemed early by their issuers, we looked for opportunities to replace the income they had generated. Although this has continued to prove difficult in the low interest-rate environment, we have found a number of income-oriented bonds in market niches that, in our opinion, represent attractive relative values.

In addition, the fund has continued to benefit from the leverage provided by its issuance of preferred stock. Because the fund's borrowing costs fell along with interest rates during the reporting period, this yield-enhancement strategy proved particularly beneficial. What's more, the fund avoided some of the weakest areas of the market because it did not own bonds issued by airlines and other corporate entities that were hurt in the aftermath of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

What is the fund's current strategy?

Consistent with the fund's investment objective, we have continued to emphasize income-oriented bonds. However, we have also been careful to focus on issuers that, in our opinion, enjoy good credit quality. Accordingly, we have generally replaced mature or redeemed holdings with new bonds that have investment-grade credit ratings or their equivalent.

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- (1) TOTAL RETURN INCLUDES REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS AND ANY CAPITAL GAINS PAID, BASED UPON NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE. PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS. MARKET PRICE PER SHARE, NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE AND INVESTMENT RETURN FLUCTUATE. INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAXES, AND SOME INCOME MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT) FOR CERTAIN INVESTORS. CAPITAL GAINS, IF ANY, ARE FULLY TAXABLE.
- (2) DISTRIBUTION RATE PER SHARE IS BASED UPON DIVIDENDS PER SHARE PAID FROM NET INVESTMENT INCOME DURING THE PERIOD, DIVIDED BY THE MARKET PRICE PER SHARE AT THE END OF THE PERIOD.

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STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

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LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS--149.0%	Amo
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ALABAMA--7.9%	
Courtland Industrial Development Board, SWDR	
(Champion International Corp. Project) 6.50%, 9/1/2025	2,5
Jefferson County, Sewer Revenue, Capital Improvement	
5.75%, 2/1/2038 (Insured; FGIC)	7,5
The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama, HR	
(University of Alabama at Birmingham)	
5.875%, 9/1/2031 (Insured; MBIA)	4,6
ALASKA--5.0%	
Alaska Housing Finance Corp., General Mortgage Revenue	
6.05%, 6/1/2039 (Insured; MBIA)	7,0
Valdez, Marine Terminal Revenue	
(British Petroleum Pipeline Inc. Project) 5.50%, 10/1/2028	2,3
CALIFORNIA--8.8%	
Abag Financial Authority For Nonprofit Corporations:	
Insured Revenue, COP	
(Odd Fellows Home of California) 6%, 8/15/2024	5,0
MFHR (Civic Center Drive Apartments)	
5.875%, 9/1/2032 (Insured; FSA)	3,7
California Health Facilities Financing Authority,	
Revenue (Sutter Health)	
6.25%, 8/15/2035	2,5
California Statewide Communities Development	
Authority, COP (Catholic Healthcare West)	
6.50%, 7/1/2020	5,0
COLORADO--3.9%	
Colorado Springs, HR 6.375%, 12/15/2030	5,7
City and County of Denver, Airport Revenue	
(Special Facilities-United Airlines Inc. Project)	
6.875%, 10/1/2032	2,4

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA--3.9%

District of Columbia, Revenue

(Catholic University America Project)

5.625%, 10/1/2029 (Insured; AMBAC)

2,0

District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement

Financing Corp., Tobacco Settlement

Asset-Backed Bonds 6.75%, 5/15/2040

5,0

FLORIDA--4.3%

Orange County Health Facilities Authority, Revenue

(Orlando Regional Healthcare System)

6%, 10/1/2026

1,5

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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FLORIDA (CONTINUED)

Pinellas County Housing Finance Authority,

SFMR (Multi-County Program)

6.70%, 2/1/2028

3,9

South Lake County Hospital District, Revenue

(South Lake Hospital Inc.) 5.80%, 10/1/2034

2,5

GEORGIA--3.3%

Private Colleges and Universities Facilities Authority,

Revenue (Clark Atlanta University Project)

8.25%, 1/1/2015 (Prerefunded 1/1/2003)

5,6

ILLINOIS--11.5%

Chicago 6.125%, 1/1/2028 (Insured; FGIC)

4,0

Chicago-O'Hare International Airport, Special Facility

Revenue (American Airlines Inc. Project)

8.20%, 12/1/2024

1,0

Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue

(Community Rehabilitation Providers Facilities

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Acquisition Program):

8.75%, 3/1/2010

5.50%, 7/1/2012

Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue:

(Advocate Health Care Network) 6.125%, 11/15/2022

(OSF Healthcare System) 6.25%, 11/15/2029

(Swedish American Hospital) 6.875%, 11/15/2030

INDIANA--1.5%

Franklin Township School Building Corp.

(Marion County) First Mortgage

6.125%, 1/15/2022 (Prerefunded 7/15/2010)

KENTUCKY--1.9%

Perry County, SWDR (TJ International Project)

7%, 6/1/2024

MARYLAND--4.1%

Maryland Health and Higher Educational Facilities

Authority, Revenue (The John Hopkins University Issue)

6%, 7/1/2039 (Prerefunded 7/1/2009)

MASSACHUSETTS--4.3%

Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities Authority,

Revenue Healthcare System (Covenant Health)

6%, 7/1/2031

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

MASSACHUSETTS (CONTINUED)

Massachusetts Industrial Finance Agency, Revenue

(Water Treatment-American Hingham)

6.95%, 12/1/2035

MICHIGAN--8.4%

1,4

5,8

7,0

2,0

2,5

3,5

7,0

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Hancock Hospital Finance Authority, Mortgage Revenue (Portgace Health) 5.45%, 8/1/2047 (Insured; MBIA)	2,2
Michigan Hospital Finance Authority, HR (Genesys Health System Obligated Group) 8.125%, 10/1/2021 (Prerefunded 10/1/2005)	7,6
Michigan Strategic Fund, SWDR (Genesee Power Station Project) 7.50%, 1/1/2021	5,0
MINNESOTA--1.3% Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board, Health Care System Revenue (Fairview Health Services) 6.375%, 11/15/2029	2,5
MISSISSIPPI--3.1% Mississippi Business Finance Corp., PCR (System Energy Resource Inc. Project) 5.875%, 4/1/2022	6,0
MISSOURI--4.8% Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri, Health Facilities Revenue (Saint Anthony's Medical Center) 6.25%, 12/1/2030	2,5
The Industrial Development Authority of the City of Saint Louis, Senior Lien Revenue (Saint Louis Convention Center Headquarters Hotel Project): 7.20%, 12/15/2028 7.25%, 12/15/2035	1,5 3,0
Missouri Housing Development Commission, Mortgage Revenue (Single Family-Homeownership Loan)	



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6.30%, 9/1/2025	1,7
NEVADA--8.5%	
Clark County, IDR:	
(Nevada Power Co. Project) 5.90%, 10/1/2030	4,0
(Southwest Gas Corp.):	
7.50%, 9/1/2032	3,0
LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)	Pr Amo
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NEVADA (CONTINUED)	
(Southwest Gas Corp.) (continued):	
6.50%, 12/1/2033	5,3
6.10%, 12/1/2038 (Insured; AMBAC)	4,0
NEW MEXICO--1.6%	
Farmington, PCR (Public Service Co. San Juan)	
6.30%, 12/1/2016	3,0
NORTH CAROLINA--1.4%	
North Carolina Housing Finance Agency	
(Home Ownership)	
6.25%, 1/1/2029	2,5
OHIO--3.2%	
Cuyahoga County, Hospital Improvement Revenue	
(The Metrohealth System Project)	
6.125%, 2/15/2024	5,0
Ohio Housing Finance Agency,	
Residential Mortgage Revenue	
5.75%, 9/1/2030	1,0
OKLAHOMA--1.3%	
Oklahoma Development Finance Authority, Revenue	
(Saint John Health System) 6%, 2/15/2029	2,5
PENNSYLVANIA--5.9%	
Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority,	

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RRR (Northampton Generating Project)	
6.60%, 1/1/2019	3,5
Sayre Health Care Facilities Authority, Revenue	
(Guthrie Health) 5.875%, 12/1/2031	7,7
SOUTH CAROLINA--7.7%	
Medical University, Hospital Facilities Revenue	
6%, 7/1/2019	2,5
Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, Electric Revenue:	
6.55%, 1/1/2016	8
5.25%, 1/1/2021	3,0
Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority,	
Tobacco Settlement Asset--Backed Bonds:	
6.375%, 5/15/2028	2,9
6.375%, 5/15/2030	5,5
TEXAS--13.5%	
Alliance Airport Authority Inc., Special Facilities Revenue	
(American Airlines Inc. Project)	
7.50%, 12/1/2029	2,3

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) Pr  
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TEXAS (CONTINUED)	
Austin Convention Enterprises Inc., Convention Center	
Hotel First Tier Revenue	
6.70%, 1/1/2032	2,0
Brazos River Authority, PCR (TXU Electric Co. Project)	
5.75%, 11/1/2011	2,0
Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Facility	
Improvement Corp., Revenue	
(American Airlines, Inc.) 6.375%, 5/1/2035	2,5

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Gregg County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR  
(Good Shepherd Medical Center Project)  
6.375%, 10/1/2025 2,5

Harris County Health Facilities Development Corp., HR  
(Memorial Hermann Healthcare) 6.375%, 6/1/2029 3,5

Port of Corpus Christi Authority, Nueces County,  
General Revenue (Union Pacific) 5.65%, 12/1/2022 4,0

Texas, Veterans Housing Assistance Program  
6.10%, 6/1/2031 7,0

UTAH--3.2%

Carbon County, SWDR (Sunnyside Cogeneration):  
7.10%, 8/15/2023 3,3  
Zero Coupon, 8/15/2024 1,0

Utah Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Mortgage  
6%, 1/1/2031 2,4

VERMONT--1.6%

Vermont Housing Finance Agency, Single Family Housing  
6.40%, 11/1/2030 (Insured; FSA) 3,0

WASHINGTON--3.8%

Public Utility District Number 1 of Pend Orielle County,  
Electric Revenue 6.375%, 1/1/2015 2,0

Washington Higher Education Facilities Authority, Revenue  
(Whitman College Project) 5.875%, 10/1/2029 5,0

WEST VIRGINIA--6.5%

Braxton County, SWDR (Weyerhaeuser Co. Project):  
6.50%, 4/1/2025 5,0  
5.80%, 6/1/2027 7,4

WISCONSIN--4.7%

Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue  
(Aurora Health Care, Inc.) 5.60%, 2/15/2029 5,7

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority,

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Home Ownership Revenue 5.75%, 9/1/2028

3,7

LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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WYOMING--1.6%

Sweetwater County, SWDR (FMC Corp. Project)

7%, 6/1/2024

3,0

U.S. RELATED--6.5%

Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority,

Transportation Revenue:

8.42%, 7/1/2038 (Insured; MBIA)

4,0

8.42%, 7/1/2038

5,0

Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority,

Special Tax Revenue, Residual Certificates

8.265%, 7/1/2015

4,0

TOTAL LONG-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

(cost \$276,425,424)

SHORT-TERM MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT--.9%

OHIO;

Cuyahoga County, HR, VRDN (The Cleveland Clinic) 1.50%

(cost \$1,700,000)

1,7

TOTAL INVESTMENTS (cost \$278,125,424)

CASH AND RECEIVABLES (NET)

PREFERRED STOCK, AT REDEMPTION VALUE

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS

STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

Summary of Abbreviations

AMBAC American Municipal Bond Assurance Corporation

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COP	Certificate of Participation
FGIC	Financial Guaranty Insurance Company
FSA	Financial Security Assurance
HR	Hospital Revenue
IDR	Industrial Development Revenue
MBIA	Municipal Bond Investors Assurance Insurance Corporation
MFHR	Multi-Family Housing Revenue
PCR	Pollution Control Revenue
RRR	Resources Recovery Revenue
SFMR	Single Family Mortgage Revenue
SWDR	Solid Waste Disposal Revenue
VRDN	Variable Rate Demand Notes

Summary of Combined Ratings (Unaudited)

Fitch	or	Moody's	or	Standard & Poor's
AAA		Aaa		AAA
AA		Aa		AA
A		A		A
BBB		Baa		BBB
BB		Ba		BB
B		B		B
F1		MIG1/P1		SP1/A1
Not Rated (e)		Not Rated (e)		Not Rated (e)

(A) BONDS WHICH ARE PREREFUNDED ARE COLLATERALIZED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES WHICH ARE HELD IN ESCROW AND ARE USED TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE MUNICIPAL ISSUE AND TO RETIRE THE BONDS IN FULL AT THE EARLIEST REFUNDING DATE.

(B) SECURITIES EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933. THESE SECURITIES MAY BE RESOLD IN TRANSACTIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION, NORMALLY TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. AT MARCH 31, 2002, THESE SECURITIES AMOUNTED TO \$12,320,550 OR 4.2% OF NET ASSETS.

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- (C) INVERSE FLOATER SECURITY--THE INTEREST RATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE PERIODICALLY.
- (D) SECURITIES PAYABLE ON DEMAND. VARIABLE INTEREST RATE--SUBJECT TO PERIODIC CHANGE.
- (E) SECURITIES WHICH, WHILE NOT RATED BY FITCH, MOODY'S AND STANDARD & POOR'S, HAVE BEEN DETERMINED BY THE MANAGER TO BE OF COMPARABLE QUALITY TO THOSE RATED SECURITIES IN WHICH THE FUND MAY INVEST.
- (F) AT MARCH 31, 2002, THE FUND HAD \$93,994,742 OR 32.4% OF NET ASSETS INVESTED IN SECURITIES WHOSE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST IS DEPENDENT UPON REVENUES GENERATED FROM HEALTH CARE PROJECTS.

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

	Cost	Value
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ASSETS (\$):		
Investments in securities--See Statement of Investments	278,125,424	285,096,797
Cash		86,905
Interest receivable		5,321,786
Prepaid expenses		127,282
		290,632,770
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LIABILITIES (\$):		
Due to The Dreyfus Corporation and affiliates		186,818
Dividend payable to Preferred Shareholders		94,869
Commissions payable		19,743
Accrued expenses		124,575
		426,005
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AUCTION PREFERRED STOCK, Series A and B, par value \$.001 per share (4,000 shares issued and outstanding at \$25,000 per share liquidation preference)--Note 1		100,000,000
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NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS (\$)		190,206,765
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### COMPOSITION OF NET ASSETS (\$):

Common Stock, par value, \$.001 per share (20,382,927 shares issued and outstanding)	20,383
Paid-in capital	188,610,337
Accumulated undistributed investment income--net	2,646,966
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments	(8,042,294)
Accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	6,971,373
<b>NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>	<b>190,206,765</b>

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### SHARES OUTSTANDING

(110 million shares of \$.001 par value Common Stock authorized)	20,382,927
<b>NET ASSET VALUE, per share of Common Stock</b>	<b>9.33</b>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended March 31, 2002 (Unaudited)

### INVESTMENT INCOME (\$):

INTEREST INCOME	8,975,711
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Management fee--Note 3(a)	1,026,684
Commission fees--Note 1	130,380
Shareholder servicing costs--Note 3(b)	30,315
Professional fees	27,346
Shareholders' reports	26,908
Custodian fees--Note 3(b)	11,265
Registration fees	7,370
Directors' fees and expenses--Note 3(c)	6,537
Miscellaneous	13,114
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,279,919</b>
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME--NET</b>	<b>7,695,792</b>

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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS--NOTE 4 (\$):

Net realized gain (loss) on investments	139,318
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(8,391,985)
NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS	(8,252,667)
DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED STOCK	(806,857)
NET (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(1,363,732)
SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.	

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2002 (Unaudited)	Year Ended September 30, 2001(a)
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OPERATIONS (\$):		
Investment income--net	7,695,792	15,068,211
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	139,318	(1,403,724)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	(8,391,985)	17,581,781
Dividends on Preferred Stock	(806,857)	(3,354,280)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(1,363,732)	27,891,988
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DIVIDENDS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS FROM (\$):		
INVESTMENT INCOME--NET	(5,381,093)	(10,762,186)
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CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS (\$):		
Offering costs charged to paid-in capital resulting from the issuance of Preferred Stock	--	30,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FROM CAPITAL STOCK TRANSACTIONS	--	30,000
TOTAL INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(6,744,825)	17,159,802
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NET ASSETS (\$):		
Beginning of Period	196,951,590	179,791,788
END OF PERIOD	190,206,765	196,951,590



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Undistributed investment income--net 2,646,966 1,098,157

A RESTATED TO CONFORM TO CURRENT YEAR'S PRESENTATION.

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following table describes the performance for the fiscal periods indicated. Total return shows how much your investment in the fund would have increased (or decreased) during each period, assuming you had reinvested all dividends and distributions. These figures have been derived from the fund's financial statements and, with respect to common stock, market price data for the fund's common shares.

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2002 (a)	Year Ended		
	(Unaudited)	2001	2000	1999
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PER SHARE DATA (\$):				
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.66	8.82	8.90	8.90
Investment Operations:				
Investment income--net	.38 (b)	.74	.74	.74
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(.41)	.79	(.08)	(.08)
Dividends on Preferred Stock from net investment income	(.04)	(.16)	(.20)	(.20)
Total from Investment Operations	(.07)	1.37	.46	.46
Distributions to Common Shareholders:				
Dividends from investment income--net	(.26)	(.53)	(.53)	(.53)
Capital Stock transaction--net effect of Preferred Stock offering	--	.00 (c)	(.01)	(.01)
Net asset value, end of period	9.33	9.66	8.82	8.82
Market value, end of period	8.62	8.71	7 7/8	7 7/8
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TOTAL RETURN (%) (D)	1.96 (e)	17.55	10.71	(16.0)

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	Six Months Ended March 31, 2002 (a)	Year En		
	(Unaudited)	2001	2000	
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (%):				
Ratio of expenses to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	1.32 (f, g, h)	1.39 (g, h)	1.48 (g, h)	.8
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets applicable to Common Stock	7.95 (f, g, h)	7.97 (g, h)	8.64 (g, h)	5.7
Portfolio Turnover Rate	3.21 (e)	15.27	22.47	
Asset coverage of Preferred Stock, end of period	290	297	280	
Net Assets, net of Preferred stock, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	190,207	196,952	179,792	18
Preferred Stock outstanding, end of period (\$ x 1,000)	100,000	100,000	100,000	10

(A) AS REQUIRED, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2001, THE FUND HAS ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF THE AICPA AUDIT AND ACCOUNTING GUIDE FOR INVESTMENT COMPANIES AND BEGAN AMORTIZING DISCOUNT OR PREMIUM ON A SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR DEBT SECURITIES ON A DAILY BASIS. THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2002 WAS TO INCREASE NET INVESTMENT INCOME PER SHARE AND DECREASE NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS PER SHARE BY LESS THAN \$.01 AND INCREASED THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO AVERAGE NET ASSETS FROM 7.94% TO 7.95%. PER SHARE DATA AND RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2001 HAVE NOT BEEN RESTATED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE IN PRESENTATION.

(B) BASED ON AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING AT EACH MONTH END.

(C) AMOUNT REPRESENTS LESS THAN \$.01 PER SHARE.

(D) CALCULATED BASED ON MARKET VALUE.

(E) NOT ANNUALIZED.

(F) ANNUALIZED.

(G) DOES NOT REFLECT THE EFFECT OF DIVIDENDS TO PREFERRED STOCK SHAREHOLDERS.

(H) THE RATIO OF EXPENSES TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS AND THE RATIO OF NET INVESTMENT INCOME TO TOTAL AVERAGE NET ASSETS WERE .87% AND 5.25%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2002, .91% AND 5.21%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001, .94% AND 5.49%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND .84% AND 5.63%, RESPECTIVELY, FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1999.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

NOTE 1--Significant Accounting Policies:

Dreyfus Municipal Income, Inc. (the "fund") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as a non-diversified closed-end management investment company. The fund's investment objective is to maximize current income exempt from Federal income tax to the extent consistent with the preservation of capital. The Dreyfus Corporation (the "Manager") serves as the fund's investment adviser. The Manager is a direct subsidiary of Mellon Bank, N.A. ("Mellon"), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mellon Financial Corporation. The fund's Common Stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol DMF.

The fund issued 2,000 shares of Series A and 2,000 shares of Series B Auction Preferred Stock ("APS"), with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share (plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends upon liquidation). APS dividend rates are determined pursuant to periodic auctions. Bankers Trust, as Auction Agent, receives a fee from the fund for its services in connection with such auctions. The fund also compensates broker-dealers generally at an annual rate of .25% of the purchase price of the shares of APS placed by the broker-dealer in an auction.

The fund is subject to certain restrictions relating to the APS. Failure to comply with these restrictions could preclude the fund from declaring any distributions to common shareholders or repurchasing common shares and/or could trigger the mandatory redemption of APS at liquidation value.

The holders of the APS, voting as a separate class, have the right to elect at least two directors. The holders of the APS will vote as a separate class on certain other matters, as required by law. The fund has designated Whitney I. Gerard and George L. Perry to represent holders of APS on the fund's Board of Directors.

The fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, which

may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(a) Portfolio valuation: Investments in municipal debt securities (excluding options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities) are valued daily by an independent pricing service ("Service") approved by the Board of Directors. Investments for which quoted bid prices are readily available and are representative of the bid side of the market in the judgment of the Service are valued at the mean between the quoted bid prices (as obtained by the Service from dealers in such securities) and asked prices (as calculated by the Service based upon its evaluation of the market for such securities). Other investments (which constitute a majority of the portfolio securities) are carried at fair value as determined by the Service, based on methods which include consideration of: yields or prices of municipal securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Options and financial futures on municipal and U.S. Treasury securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded or at the last sales price on the

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national securities market on each business day.

(b) Securities transactions and investment income: Securities transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on the identified cost basis. Interest income, adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts on investments, is earned from settlement date and recognized on the accrual basis. Securities purchased or sold on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis may be settled a month or more after the trade date.

(c) Dividends to shareholders of Common Stock ("Common Shareholder(s)"): Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Dividends from investment income-net are declared and paid monthly. Dividends from net realized capital gain, if any, are normally declared and paid annually, but the fund may make distributions on a more fre-

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (CONTINUED)

quent basis to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). To the extent that net realized capital gain can be offset by capital loss carryovers, it is the policy of the fund not to distribute such gain.

For Common Shareholders who elect to receive their distributions in additional shares of the fund, in lieu of cash, such distributions will be reinvested at the lower of the market price or net asset value per share (but not less than 95% of the market price) based on the record date's respective prices. If the net asset value per share on the record date is lower than the market price per share, shares will be issued by the fund at the record date's net asset value on the payable date of the distribution. If the net asset value per share is less than 95% of the market value, shares will be issued by the fund at 95% of the market value. If the market price is lower than the net asset value per share on the record date, Mellon will purchase fund shares in the open market commencing on the payable date and reinvest those shares accordingly. As a result of purchasing fund shares in the open market, fund shares outstanding will not be affected by this form of reinvestment.

On March 14, 2002, the Board of Directors declared a cash dividend to Common Shareholders of \$.05 per share from investment income-net, payable on April 25, 2002 to Common Shareholders of record as of the close of business on April 11, 2002.

(d) Dividends to shareholders of APS: For APS, dividends are currently reset every 7 days for Series A and annually for Series B. The dividend rates in effect at March 31, 2002 were as follows: Series A 1.45% and Series B 2.25%.

(e) Federal income taxes: It is the policy of the fund to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which can distribute tax exempt dividends, by complying with the applicable provisions of the Code, and to make distributions of income and net realized capital gain sufficient to relieve it from substantially all Federal income and excise taxes.

The fund has an unused capital loss carryover of approximately \$6,768,000 available for Federal income tax purposes to be applied against future net securities profits, if any, realized subsequent to September 30, 2001. The amount is calculated based on Federal income tax regulations which may differ from financial reporting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. If not applied, \$5,000,000 of the carryover expires in fiscal 2004, \$1,148,000 expires in fiscal 2008 and \$620, 000 expires

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in fiscal 2009.

### NOTE 2--Bank Line of Credit:

The fund participates with other Dreyfus-managed funds in a \$100 million unsecured line of credit primarily to be utilized for temporary or emergency purposes. Interest is charged to the fund based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended March 31, 2002, the fund did not borrow under the line of credit.

### NOTE 3--Management Fee and Other Transactions With Affiliates:

(a) Pursuant to a management agreement ("Agreement") with the Manager, the management fee is computed at the annual rate of .70 of 1% of the value of the fund's average daily net assets and is payable monthly. The Agreement provides that if in any full fiscal year the aggregate expenses of the fund, exclusive of taxes, interest on borrowings, brokerage fees and extraordinary expenses, exceed the expense limitation of any state having jurisdiction over the fund, the fund may deduct from payments to be made to the Manager, or the Manager will bear the amount of such excess to the extent required by state law. There was no expense reimbursement for the period ended March 31, 2002, pursuant to the Agreement.

(b) The fund compensates Mellon under a transfer agency agreement for providing personnel and facilities to perform transfer agency services for the fund. During the period ended March 31, 2002, the fund was charged \$30,315 pursuant to the transfer agency agreement.

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The fund compensates Mellon under a custody agreement for providing custodial services for the fund. During the period ended March 31, 2002, the fund was charged \$11,265 pursuant to the custody agreement.

(c) Each Board member also serves as a Board member of other funds within the Dreyfus complex (collectively, the "Fund Group"). Each Board member who is not an "affiliated person" as defined in the Act receives an annual fee of \$45,000 and an attendance fee of \$5,000 for each in person meeting and \$500 for telephone meetings. These fees are allocated among the funds in the Fund Group. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional 25% of such compensation. Subject to the fund's Emeritus Program Guidelines, Emeritus Board members, if any, receive 50% of the annual retainer fee and per meeting fee paid at the time the Board member achieves emeritus status.

### NOTE 4--Securities Transactions:

The aggregate amount of purchases and sales of investment securities, excluding short-term securities, during the period ended March 31, 2002, amounted to \$12,078,863 and \$9,154,400, respectively.

At March 31, 2002, accumulated net unrealized appreciation on investments was \$6,971,373, consisting of \$10,483,971 gross unrealized appreciation and \$3,512,598 gross unrealized depreciation.

At March 31, 2002, the cost of investments for Federal income tax purposes was substantially the same as the cost for financial reporting purposes (see the Statement of Investments).

### NOTE 5--Change in Accounting Principles:

(a) As required, effective October 1, 2001, the fund has adopted the provisions

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of the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide for Investment Companies and began amortizing discount or premium on a scientific basis for debt securities on a daily basis. Prior to October 1, 2001, the fund amortized premiums on debt securities on a scientific basis but recognized market discount upon disposition. The cumulative effect of

this accounting change had no impact on total net assets of the fund, but resulted in a \$40,967 increase in accumulated undistributed investment income-net and a corresponding \$40,967 decrease in accumulated net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), based on securities held by the fund on September 30, 2001.

The effect of this change for the period ended March 31, 2002 was to increase net investment income by \$5,335, decrease net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) by \$5,308 and decrease net realized gains (losses) by \$27. The statement of changes in net assets and financial highlights for the prior periods, have not been restated to reflect this change in presentation.

(b) Effective October 1, 2000, the fund adopted the classification requirement of EITF D-98, Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities. EITF D-98 requires that preferred stock for which its redemption is outside of the fund's control should be presented outside of net assets in the statement of assets and liabilities. The redemption of the fund's preferred stock is outside of the control of the fund because of provisions in the fund's Articles Supplementary Creating Two Series of Auction Preferred Stock relating to compliance with rating agency guidelines. In adopting EITF D-98, the fund's net assets as of October 1, 2000 in the statement of changes in net assets is restated by excluding preferred stock valued at \$100,000,000 at that date. The adoption also resulted in dividends on preferred stock being reclassified from distributions on the statement of changes in net assets to a separate line item within the statement of operations. This resulted in a decrease of \$806,857 and \$3,354,280 to net assets from operations for the periods ended March 31, 2002 and September 30, 2001, respectively. As part of the adoption, per share distributions of dividends on preferred stock was reclassified from distributions to amounts from investment operations for each period presented in the financial highlights.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 23(C) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED, THAT THE FUND MAY PURCHASE SHARES OF ITS COMMON STOCK IN THE OPEN MARKET WHEN IT CAN DO SO AT PRICES BELOW THE THEN CURRENT NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE.

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