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88 Public Index Investors,

In the wake of a volatile crypto week, and two months after the Covenant exit, I am writing to provide another update on index performance, current state of dTao, and the progress of Subnet 88 itself.

As you are no doubt aware, between Tuesday, June 2 and Saturday, June 6, mirroring the trajectory of \$BTC and the broader crypto market, \$TAO declined roughly 30%. The dTao market and the public index followed suit. A recovery is underway as of this writing. More importantly, excluding the 88 position itself, index performance has not exceeded a single-digit maximum drawdown, despite the massive selling pressure across subnets on Thursday and Friday.

The strength of the 88 Public Index lies in its broad-based, diversified design. It helps limit downside under extreme market stress while providing deep liquidity that's essential to managing a large AUM effectively. The index does, however, operate under one fundamental assumption: that Taoflow into subnets will steadily increase for the foreseeable future.

That assumption held up remarkably well until the Covenant exit. As the charts in Exhibit A indicate, Taoflow has trended sideways to slightly lower since April 9. We view this as a temporary phenomenon that will reverse course soon. Taoflow is the foundation of the dTao experiment. Without a steady Taoflow into subnets, the entire dTao thesis weakens and along with it, Bittensor's long-term vision. We remain confident in the community's ability to recognize this dynamic and drive the ecosystem forward.

In short, the past two months have represented the most significant stress test since dTao's inception. We expect the market cycle plays out with the next phase of growth around the corner. The public index is well positioned to participate in the upside.

In the meantime, the subnet development is moving ahead at full speed. Once market conditions improve, we plan to open Round 2 of the public index. We are working on a "poolkey" option that will aggregate small wallets and reduce transaction costs. Beyond dTao, our stock model is making substantial progress, and a pilot program is in the planning with select TradFi partners.

Investing is a long game. Our internal models require months of quality miner data as a bare minimum for effective training. The industry demands years of proven track record. Meanwhile, it has become clear that Bittensor is a unique fit for Investing88 that few other subnets can match, which is why 88 is a leading subnet in conviction locking. We have no plan to ever sell owner alpha. Our revenue will come from AUM fees instead, from virtually unlimited AUM growth in US stocks and broader TradFi markets.

It has been well over a year since the subnet launch, and it's only the beginning. Alongside our team of miners as well as our investors and supporters, we are here to build a \$1B future and beyond.

Sincerely,

Jake Fan
Founder & CEO
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Exhibit A – Tao in Subnets chart, Performance chart by June 9 UTC close

