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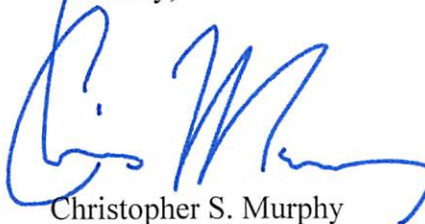
Re: National Retirement Planning Week 2016

Dear Ms. Weatherford:

As Americans continue to live longer into retirement, adequate planning is a necessity for a financially secure future. Unfortunately, saving for retirement can often seem daunting, if not impossible, in the face of more immediate financial demands. Too many people find out late in their careers that they haven't been saving enough, which is why encouraging responsible retirement planning must be a national priority.

I applaud the members of the National Retirement Planning Coalition for their efforts to raise awareness of this priority and provide critical resources so Americans can make informed decisions. National Retirement Planning Week is an important moment to highlight the importance of retirement planning. I wish you all the best as you continue this effort.

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Murphy
United States Senator