

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-1317

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Ms. Catherine Weatherford  
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Dear Ms. Weatherford:

Developing a comprehensive retirement plan is an important step that will lead to Americans saving more and ultimately achieving a more financially secure future. Unfortunately, many consumers are unaware of the financial challenges ahead and are unprepared for their retirement years. With this in mind, it must be a priority for us to communicate the importance of retirement planning. By encouraging more Americans to adequately prepare for their retirement years, we can significantly enhance financial security in the United States.

National Retirement Planning Week<sup>®</sup> is a significant effort that raises awareness of these important issues and provides Americans with helpful information so they can make informed decisions regarding their finances. I commend you for your leadership in leading the National Retirement Planning Coalition and applaud the contributions of all coalition members who are working to educate Americans about the importance of retirement planning. I wish you all the best as you continue this valued campaign.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress  
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