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Ms. Catherine Weatherford  
President and CEO  
Insured Retirement Institute  
1101 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 825  
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Re: National Retirement Planning Week<sup>®</sup> 2015

Dear Ms. Weatherford:

As the average length of retirement has increased over the years, individuals must not only accumulate sufficient savings, but manage those savings to ensure they last. Unfortunately, individuals often do not focus enough on how their accrued benefits will translate into maintaining their lifestyle in retirement. According to a study conducted by the Employee Benefit Research Institute, only 42% of workers have calculated how much they will need to save so that they may live comfortably during retirement. Additionally, only 13% of workers were very confident that they had saved enough.

These numbers demonstrate the need to encourage more Americans to develop comprehensive retirement plans to help them achieve a financially secure future. National Retirement Planning Week<sup>®</sup> brings much needed attention to the importance of proactively planning for one's future. The events throughout the week not only help raise awareness but also provide information Americans need to make informed decisions. The leadership demonstrated by the Insured Retirement Institute and all the coalition members to enhance financial security in the United States is commendable. I wish you all the best as you continue this valuable campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Luke Messer".

Luke Messer  
Member of Congress