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Ms. Catherine Weatherford
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Dear Ms. Weatherford,

With as many as 10,000 “baby boomers” retiring every day, it has never been more imperative to stress the importance of retirement savings to them and especially to younger generations. Sadly, there is a lot of work to do: the Employee Benefit Research Institute recently estimated the national retirement savings deficit stands at \$4.13 trillion. Filling that gap and raising awareness is a responsibility shared by all. That is why I want to take the opportunity to applaud and strongly encourage efforts like the upcoming National Retirement Planning Week.

National Retirement Planning Week, led by the National Retirement Planning Coalition, is vital to get Americans thinking about their own individual paths to retirement security. The Insured Retirement Institute and all of your fellow coalition members should be commended for this undertaking. Rest assured, as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I will fight to protect and strengthen the provisions in our tax code that encourage retirement savings.

I wish you all the best as you continue this valuable education campaign. I look forward to working with you to help raise awareness about the retirement crisis and ensure that Americans achieve retirement security.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Roskam".

PETER J. ROSKAM

Member of Congress