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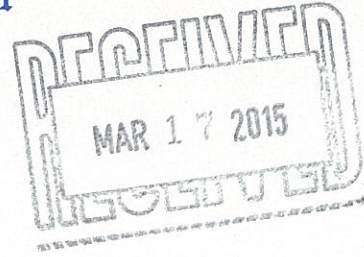
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Ms. Catherine Weatherford  
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Re: National Retirement Planning Week<sup>®</sup> 2015

Dear Ms. Weatherford:

Developing a comprehensive retirement plan is an important step that will lead many Americans to save more and ultimately achieve a 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 national 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. It is important that Americans accept personal responsibility for their financial futures.

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,

Rod L. Blum  
Member of Congress