



# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

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**TOM LATHAM**  
Iowa Congressman

Ms. Catherine Weatherford  
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Re: National Retirement Planning Week

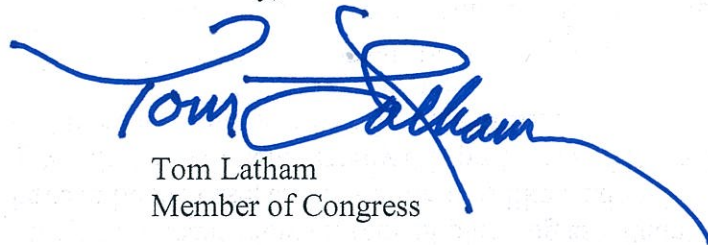
Dear Ms. Weatherford,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my support for National Retirement Planning Week, which raises awareness of the importance of comprehensive retirement planning for all Americans. Amid trying economic times, rising health care costs, and long-term financial challenges facing Social Security and Medicare, it's critical we ensure that Americans are properly informed about the options they possess for planning their retirement.

Unfortunately, too many Americans view retirement planning as a daunting task. This doesn't have to be the case, and it's initiatives like National Retirement Planning Week that will help remedy this problem and show the average American that there are a number of resources available to get started.

Thanks to the National Retirement Planning Coalition in continuing to raise awareness and educate Americans across the country on retirement planning.

Sincerely,



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