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Re: National Retirement Planning Week

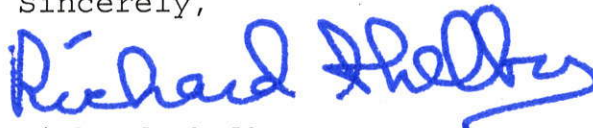
Dear Ms. Weatherford:

Comprehensive retirement planning is a fundamental step that will lead many Americans toward a financially secure future. Unfortunately, retirement planning can be a challenge for today's worker, and many will advance toward retirement without an adequate financial plan. It must be a priority for all Americans to educate themselves on the value of retirement planning so that they can attain peace of mind during their later years.

National Retirement Planning Week is a significant non-governmental effort to promote awareness of these important issues and provide Americans with essential information so that they have the opportunity to achieve financial security during their retirement years. As such, National Retirement Planning Week is a key component and a valued campaign toward increasing financial literacy on retirement issues among Americans.

I applaud you for your leadership in spearheading the National Retirement Planning Coalition and commend all the coalition members for their privately funded efforts to educate Americans about the importance of retirement planning through National Retirement Planning Week.

Sincerely,



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