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Ms. Catherine Weatherford  
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Insured Retirement Institute  
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Dear Ms. Weatherford:

Comprehensive retirement planning is an important step that will lead many Americans toward a financially secure future. Unfortunately, the process can be a challenge for consumers today, and many will move toward retirement without an adequate financial plan. It must be a national priority to communicate the value of retirement planning so that more Americans can appropriately prepare for and attain financial security during their retirement years.

National Retirement Planning Week is a significant effort to promote awareness of these important issues and provides Americans with essential retirement planning information. I applaud you for your leadership in spearheading the National Retirement Planning Coalition and commend all the coalition members for their efforts to educate Americans about the importance of retirement planning. I wish you all the best as you continue this valued campaign.

Sincerely,



Mike Crapo  
United States Senator

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