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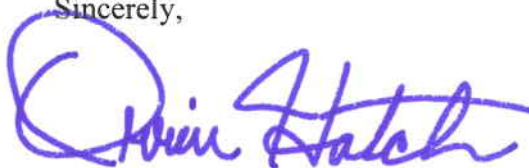
Ms. Catherine Weatherford  
Insured Retirement Institute  
1101 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 825  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Weatherford:

As an ever-increasing portion of our nation's workforce nears retirement, the issue of retirement security has never been more important than it is today. Accordingly, there has never been a greater need for educating Americans about retirement planning.

I applaud the National Retirement Planning Coalition for its efforts to expand awareness about how American workers can achieve financial security for retirement. National Retirement Planning Week is a key part of those efforts and helps increase financial literacy on retirement issues. I commend all coalition members for their contribution to this important campaign.

Sincerely,



Orrin G. Hatch  
United States Senator

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