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Dear Friends,

I am delighted to extend my best wishes and support to the Insured Retirement Institute for its leadership in organizing the National Retirement Planning Week! National Retirement Planning Week, from April 3-7, 2017, is a national effort to encourage Americans to plan for their financial needs in retirement.

The Insured Retirement Institute (IRI) is the leading non-profit trade organization for the retirement income industry, providing educational, research, and advocacy resources to its 150,000 members. The IRI also leads the National Retirement Planning Coalition, a consumer coalition of over 30 organizations which works to educate the public about financial planning.

In 2015, the Federal Reserve Board found that 47% of Americans would not be able to afford an unexpected \$400 expense without borrowing money or selling something. This highlights the importance of financial planning in order to be prepared for life's unexpected moments. Americans deserve to retire on their own terms and feel as though they are financially secure. National Retirement Planning Week encourages public discourse about retirement planning and provides Americans with the tools they need to make informed decisions for their future.

I applaud the Insured Retirement Institute for its leadership in leading National Retirement Planning Week 2017. I wish you continued success in your invaluable advocacy.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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