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**To:** EBSA, E-ORI - EBSA

**Subject:** RE: Comment on RIN 1210-AB33, your plan to take over retirement plans

Dear DOL:

I certainly strongly object to ANY plan to require me to annuitize ANY part of my retirement plan as any kind of a default option.

What gives you guys the idea we'd ever want such a fascistic plan?

If I'd wanted an annuity for a retirement, I'd have done one in the first place.

Retirement plans under ERISA were set up to allow employees to freely chose what, where and how they wanted to prepare for their own retirements. Neither DOL or the IRS... or AIG or any other annuity seller for that matter... should have any claim whatsoever on my money.

If the government had regulated the financial industry like you supposed to, you wouldn't be in the mess you're in trying to sell Treasuries.

Don't go thinking what happened with retirement seizures in Argentina would fly here.

A terrible idea!

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