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General Comment

It shouldn't be difficult for me to know if I am receiving sound advice from a trusted advisor rather than a salesman.

As a Thrift Savings Plan participant, I am troubled that the people I seek advice from may have a financial incentive to advise me to roll my account into a fund they manage because that's how they would make money, even if it would result in lower returns for me, because there are no legal ramifications for such behavior.

There has been extensive analysis regarding the economic benefits of the fiduciary rule, yet there is little support as to why a delay would benefit the public.

Many investment advisor firms have already changed their models to reduce conflicts of interest in light of the original rule; we should not interrupt these positive developments by delaying the rule.