Employee Benefits Security Administration U.S. Department of Labor,

I am already retired and my savings are safe -- I think. I write on behalf of those who are most affected by the fiduciary rule which Pres. Trump and Wall Street "advisers" want to weaken. If I had received honest, professional advice before I retired, I might be better off now; working people deserve that kind of guidance and rarely receive it.

Americans are in the midst of a retirement security crisis—depending on every dollar they can save to afford a basic standard of living. Conflicted advice costs retirement savers \$17 billion each year. The current fiduciary rule is the right way to deal with this problem. Nothing about the fiduciary standard constrains financial advisers from providing broad-based investment advice to their clients—it would simply require them to do so with increased transparency and reduced conflicts of interest.

Therefore, I urge the Department of Labor to protect working people and retirees by fully implementing and enforcing the fiduciary rule.

Johnnie Aldrich jraldrich@earthlink.net 4653 Maxim Ct Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011-7588