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

No where is there greater need for oversight than in the US. financial investment industry, especially where US. retirement savings are concerned. For the current Secretary of Labor to issue a 'Request for Information' as his first act in office demonstrates beyond a reasonable doubt that his request is political and a veiled attempt at weakening the 'fiduciary rule', thereby giving investment advisors a free hand to enrich themselves at the expense of their clients. Laws should never be subject to political aspirations because they create an essential framework that ensures all parties play by legally accepted practices and can be held to account for questionable actions. As such, the 'fiduciary rule' needs to stand and be enforced as it was written.

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