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General Comment

It appears that the current Trump administration is attempting to shore-up hazardous and obsolete national/global fossil fuel corporations, and also attempting to stop conscientious citizens' preferred retirement fund choices in sustainable, responsible investments for our country's future.

Examples of Trump's recent attempts at moving the progress of our country backward are his insistence of rolling back extremely important environmental regulations that stand strongly against climate pollution, attempting to undermine the ability of US shareholders to file social and environmental resolutions with Corporate America, issuing unpopular and dangerous executive orders to support the failing, obsolete and polluting fossil fuel industry, and opposing tax credits for desirable and important renewable, clean energy sourcing, to name a few.

It is unconscionable and inappropriate that this recent Trump proposal is now challenging our US citizens' ability to invest in retirement plans (i.e., 401(k) investments and other employee retirement and pension plans) that are socially responsible investments (SRI) through the Department of Labor. This mistaken proposal, ultimately, would hurt our US economy. This also appears to be an attack on US investors' rights in order to protect oil companies and other corporations that profit from practices that pollute and undermine our environment and the public health.

SRI funds perform financially as well, or better than more undesirable funds that invest in fossil fuels and other inadvertently destructive industries. With many people divesting from fossil fuels and other toxic petroleum-based and/or environmentally destructive investments, our Department of Labor should be requiring, not questioning, the inclusion of SRI options in our nation's employer retirement plans. Funds that consider social and environmental criteria are clearly investments that will promote the strongest returns over time.

Please preserve and strongly support retirement plans that include options with strong performance - such as the very desirable SRI funds.
Thank you.