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General Comment

It is essential that employees are able to select retirement funds that align with standards of socially and environmentally responsible investments. Regulations should be expanding and clarifying all these important options rather than creating obstacles. If large corporations can use their money as free speech, at the very least we should be giving individual workers the chance to use their well-earned money in ways that let them speak their values. I have the freedom to choose to work for an organization whose values align with my own. This means the money that pays my mortgage, my grocery bills, and puts clothes on my children is coming from a place I can support in good conscience. As much as possible, I need to know that the money I will live off of during retirement can also be supported in good conscience. I fear these new regulations are disempowering workers at the expense of the bottom line of powerful companies. My hope is that the Department of Labor's first priority will be to protect the interests of individuals who labor. Thank you.