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Employee Benefits Security Administration  
Room N-5655  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20210

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To Whom It May Concern,

All of my life, I've worked hard in the oil and gas industry in my home state of West Virginia to make ends meet. I've sacrificed a lot of my time with my family in order to provide a living for myself and for them. I should not have to sacrifice any of the hard-earned money that I have put into my retirement savings in order to promote someone else's political agenda.

That is why I support the proposed U.S. Department of Labor rule that would prohibit the people who manage my retirement plan from investing in companies that offer less of a return on my investment so they can promote social or political goals. My retirement is meant to keep me financially secure, not promote someone else's political agenda. The person managing my plan should have my best interests at heart and they should invest my money in companies that offer the maximum amount of return.

Investments with my retirement savings should focus on the returns, not on environmental or social justice causes. I believe this is wrong and I hope this new rule passes and this practice is stopped.

Respectfully,



Carl "Jay" Ratliff

CC: Senator Joe Manchin  
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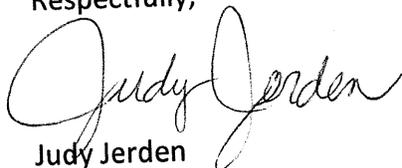
For my entire career in West Virginia, I have worked hard to put money back to pay for my retirement. That said, I expect the biggest return from my retirement fund, and that is why I support the new rule proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

This rule would prohibit retirement plan fiduciaries from sacrificing the returns on investments in order to push their own political agenda. It would protect retirement by guaranteeing that the fiduciary of plans investing in companies that offer the biggest return, not those that invest in companies that promote environmental or social change. I do not oppose investing in these types of companies, as long as they offer the best return.

A fiduciary's responsibility is to their clients, not to their own social or political agenda. They should be looking for opportunities to invest in companies that financially strengthen their client's retirement plans. They should not be looking to invest their client's capital into companies that offer less of a return but push environmental or social change. I also strongly encourage the Labor Department to send guidance to state agencies to propose similar rules for public employee and retired public school teacher pension funds.

That is why I support this rule change!

Respectfully,

  
Judy Jerden

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Attention: Financial Factors in Selecting Plan Investments Proposed Regulation

Re: RIN 1210-AB95

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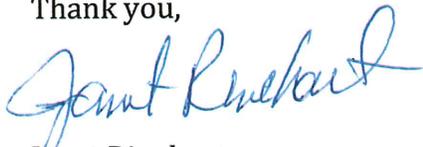
I am informing your office of my support for a proposed rule change that I believe would better protect my retirement investments.

The U.S. Department of Labor has proposed a rule that would prohibit retirement plan fiduciaries from using my money to promote their social and environmental goals. The money from my retirement plan should be invested in areas that maximize my investment returns. I have no issues with these fund managers promoting social and environmental causes with their own money, but I do not want them to do so with money that I worked hard to earn. That money should go into investments that help secure my retirement so I can continue to provide for myself through the remainder of my life.

I am a proud West Virginian and a retired service member with the West Virginia Army National Guard. I have worked hard to provide for myself all of my life and I pride myself on being thrifty. I expect the same from my retirement plan fiduciary, whom I have entrusted with my hard-earned savings.

I ask you to enact the proposed rule prohibiting retirement plan fiduciaries from making investment decisions that do not prioritize maximum returns in favor of investments that only promote social and environmental causes. The country is already facing a retirement crisis and this rule is a good step to help alleviate some of the cause of the crisis by promoting

Thank you,



Janet Rinehart

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