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General Comment

For the last 30 years, I have dedicated my life working as a registered nurse. I have spent many long hours taking care of loved ones in and out of a hospital setting. When I first became a nurse, I knew it would be a life-long career for me; it's a profession that has allowed me to live in the state I call home and it's afforded me the ability to invest in my retirement and be secure. There is nowhere else I would rather live out my days than here.

I have been very fortunate to have been guided to make smart financial decisions with my 401(k) and the contributions made to it. The decisions that I have made, along with a trusted advisor, will allow me the retirement I desire. These are decisions that I do not take lightly. The financial industry is quite complex for the average investor and the thought that there are fund managers, organizations and groups who believe they should use my money and others as well to push special causes like ESG as opposed to making prudent financial decisions that will produce the greatest return is plain wrong. Such actions is also a clear violation of fiduciary duty. When I first began my 401(k), it was because I placed my trust into the investment fund to ensure I would get the best returns on my investment. I believe that is how it should stay and the proposed rule is a needed step to ensure this.

While I may personally support many social and political goals, I do not believe that my retirement contributions should be used for these purposes. My investments were made to increase in value. If I wanted to support pet causes, I would donate money to a group pushing those causes.

I support this proposed Labor Department Rule, and I hope that you will take my voice and concern into consideration by implementing the proposed rule.