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The Honorable Charles Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate S-221, The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Republican Leader United States Senate S-230, The Capitol Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Republican Leader U.S. House of Representatives H-204, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Leader, Madam Speaker, Republican Leader McConnell and Republican Leader McCarthy,

We, the undersigned organizations, urge you to take quick action and pass a compilation of retirement provisions known as SECURE 2.0. The Senate Committees on Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pension took steps earlier this year, unanimously passing the *Enhancing American Retirement Now* (*EARN*) Act and the *Retirement Improvement and Savings Enhancement to Supplement Healthy Investments for the Nest Egg (RISE & SHINE) Act*, respectively, out of each committee. This followed the House of Representatives' overwhelmingly bipartisan passage of the *Securing a Strong Retirement Act* (*SSRA*) in May by a vote of 414-5.

Americans are living longer, and many fear outliving their savings. More importantly, the economic impact of the pandemic, continuing market fluctuations and volatility, a historically significant focus on underserved communities and vulnerable populations, and increasing longevity demonstrate the need for Congress to consider policies to expand access to retirement savings. In 2019, Congress took a momentous step forward when it passed the bipartisan *Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act* putting more Americans on a path to a secure and dignified retirement. Congress must now act to pass the bipartisan SECURE 2.0 legislation and help more Americans build retirement savings and strengthen their financial security.

SECURE 2.0 includes bipartisan, common-sense solutions to address the anxiety and insecurity Americans have about their retirement security. The components of SECURE 2.0 will encourage more employers to offer opportunities to save for retirement at work, make it easier and less costly for small businesses to offer retirement plans, and help ensure retirement savings last a lifetime. Additional provisions address challenges faced by more vulnerable savers such as part-time workers, military spouses, low-income individuals, and those with student loan debt.

We respectfully ask that you take quick action and make this proposal a top priority during the upcoming lame-duck session.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: SECURE 2.0 Data Infographic

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