



## Retired Employees of San Diego County, Inc.

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**Re: H.J. Res. 66 and H.J. Res. 67 (Rooney) - Oppose**

Dear Congressman,

The Retired Employees of San Diego County (RESDC) is asking you to oppose H.J. Res. 66 and H.J. Res. 67, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to savings arrangements established by States for non-governmental employees. These resolutions would deny greater retirement savings for California's 7 million private-sector workers who currently lack access to employer-sponsored retirement plans by providing access to a voluntary, low-risk, low-cost, portable retirement savings plan that encourages participation through automatic enrollment — with the option of opting out — and enables direct payroll contributions.

Secure Choice, authored by California Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León and overseen by the California State Treasurer's office, has been hailed as the most significant change to retirement since the passage of Social Security in 1935. It offers hope and protection to millions of Californians who are careening toward an impoverished retirement in which they face the all-too-real scenario of whether to spend their meager retirement on food or rent.

The two resolutions introduced February 8 would attempt to block federal regulations to facilitate the creation of public-private partnerships to expand workplace retirement savings options. Relying on flawed analysis, these resolutions are designed to derail innovative programs being implemented in seven states and evaluated in at least 25 more.

RESDC represents the interests of over 17,000 retired employees of the County of San Diego. The organization's goals are to protect retirement benefits and support the general well-being of its members. We strongly believe that all working Americans deserve the opportunity to have access to a secure retirement and this program provides a step in the right direction.

For these reasons RESDC opposes H.J. Res. 66 and H.J. Res. 67 and asks for your 'No' vote on these resolutions.

Sincerely,

John J. McTighe  
President

Cc: John Chiang