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Dear Dr. Rhee:

Thank you again for testifying before the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions at the hearing titled "Modernizing Retirement Policy for Today's Workforce." Enclosed are additional questions following the hearing. Please provide a written response no later than February 25, 2026, for inclusion in the hearing record. The response should be sent to Katerina Kerska of the Committee staff who can be contacted at (202) 226-9435 or [Katerina.Kerska@mail.house.gov](mailto:Katerina.Kerska@mail.house.gov).

We appreciate your contribution to the work of the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rick W. Allen".

Rick W. Allen  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions

**Questions for the Record from  
REPRESENTATIVE Summer Lee**

**Committee on Education and Workforce  
Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee hearing entitled “*Modernizing  
Retirement Policy for Today’s Workforce*”**

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
10:15 A.M.**

**Representative Summer Lee (D-PA)  
Questions for Dr. Nari Rhee**

1. The witnesses spoke to the anxiety workers face about outliving the savings they accumulated during their careers. But, there are so many workers who are never able to accumulate meaningful savings in the first place.
  - a. To what extent is the current retirement system leaving workers behind?
  - b. If Congress was serious about improving retirement security for those workers, what would we be prioritizing instead?
  
2. In your testimony, you said that Social Security is the most important program for keeping retirees out of poverty.
  - a. What investments do you think Congress should be making to strengthen Social Security and protect its benefits for current and future retirees?
  - b. Would investments in Social Security help more retirees than expanding access to under-regulated annuities in 401(k) plans?