

Retirement Summit Convenes Thought Leaders With a View to Strengthen American Retirement System

- Employee Benefit Research Institute Event to be Held on Thursday, December 1st at U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C. -

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(Washington, D.C.) – The Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) announced today that, along with representatives of the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, it will be hosting the 2022 Retirement Summit, featuring some of the top retirement industry experts from the public and private sectors including Principal Chairman Dan Houston, U.S. Labor Secretary Martin Walsh, Empower President Ed Murphy and Millennium Trust CEO Gary Anetsberger.

Together with partners at the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, EBRI is working to strengthen the retirement system by bringing together experts, thought leaders and other stakeholders in the industry. This is the first Retirement Summit organized by EBRI, seeking to build on recent innovations in the U.S. retirement system and fill gaps.

The 2022 Retirement Summit will convene high-ranking leaders in the retirement industry along with employers, consultants, policymakers, regulators and academics in a mission to tackle the challenges of creating a more integrated, equitable and effective retirement system. Featured discussions at the summit include improving individuals' access to the retirement system, reducing leakage from the system, helping people spend down their assets in retirement and improving the investment outcomes for American workers within the retirement system. By convening thought leaders and experts, EBRI is leading an effort to create a blueprint to strengthen and improve the U.S. retirement system and allow American workers to prosper.

“Through recent legislation and innovation, great strides have been made in the U.S. retirement system. However, there is still much to do to achieve a sound savings system that will allow American workers to achieve financial security throughout their working and retirement years. It is time to re-envision the private and public retirement savings systems so that together both meet the needs of American workers.” said Lori Lucas, president & CEO, EBRI.

The 2022 Retirement Summit agenda will include public morning panel discussions and afternoon closed-door roundtables. The event agenda includes:

8:50-9:30 a.m. - Welcome: Outlining the Challenge.

9:30-10:30 a.m. - Big Ideas Panel: Access to the System. How do we broadly re-envision the structure of the private and public retirement systems so that together they cover American workers—including self-employed workers?

10:30-11:30 a.m. - Big Ideas Panel: Leakage from the System. How do we address leakage from the retirement system through loans, withdrawals and cashouts, including the larger financial wellness needs of American workers, including debt, medical expenses and emergency savings?

12-1 p.m. - Big Ideas Panel: Spending in Retirement. How do we tackle the needs of a growing population of retirees as they draw down from the retirement system?

1-2 p.m. - Networking Lunch & Ray Lillywhite Awards.

To view event updates and speaker information, visit www.ebri.org/retirement/ebri-2022-retirement-summit/public.

The 2022 Retirement Summit will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Registration information for the event can be viewed at <https://events.uschamber.com/EBRIRetirementSummit--Virtual>. Event sponsors include BlackRock, Empower, HealthEquity, Millennium Trust Company, Milliman, Nationwide, Principal, Bank of America and Edelman Financial Engines.

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