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Office of Regulations and Interpretations
Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA)
Department of Labor
Washington, DC 20210

Attn: 29 CFR Part 2550
Default Investment Alternatives Under Participant Directed Individual Account Plans;
Proposed Rule

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Deseret Mutual is the benefit administrator for the controlled group of companies associated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We administer a 401(k) plan with over 1.6 billion dollars. The plan affects the financial security of nearly 26,000 plan participants.

Obviously, we have a strong interest in proposals affecting our plan participants and their ability to effectively manage their 401(k) plan assets. And we are concerned with the current Department of Labor proposal for Participant Directed Individual Accounts to be either managed by an investment manager, as defined in ERISA §3(38) of the Act, or by an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Nearly 50 percent of our participants have enrolled in Deseret Mutual's successful asset allocation models. The current proposal would greatly limit the asset allocation models our participants now use for investing approximately 817 million dollars.

Therefore, we request that the Department of Labor create a more flexible environment, eliminating the proposal mentioned. We are supportive of submissions offered by The 401(k) Company and Callan Associates.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns. Please contact us if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kent A. Misener, CFA
Chief Investment Officer