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Secretary Chao Visits Charlotte to Highlight President's Plan for Retirement Security

CHARLOTTE, N.C., April 18 — [U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao](#) addressed the challenges of retirement security at a meeting Monday hosted by the Charlotte Area Society for Human Resource Management. As part of the "60 Stops in 60 Days" tour, Secretary Chao visited Charlotte outlining President Bush's plans to strengthen the retirement security of America's workers.



Secretary Chao addressed the challenges of retirement security at the Charlotte Area Society for Human Resource Management. (DOL photo/Nancy Pierce)

"President Bush has made retirement security one of the highest priorities of his second term. A critical component of his agenda is ensuring that the defined benefit pension system is viable and that the promises made to workers enrolled in these plans are kept," said Secretary Chao. "We must move ahead with reform of the Social Security system because our children's retirement security must be protected. We must make Social Security permanently sound, and not leave the problems the system faces for another day."

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"Getting people back to work is what this Department does. Giving people hope in their future is our job."
— [Secretary Elaine L. Chao](#)

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