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Employees have a right to control their own salaries. Not only is any attempt to automatically sign them up for 401k plans stupid and immoral, it is unconstitutional. Many workers have to choose between providing for their families now and saving for retirement. No one has the right to interfere in those choices. If you want to help people, raise the minimum wage, fight corporate corruption, and make employers live up to their pension promises.

Consider some possible scenarios:

A worker needs the income he or she might put into a 401k plan to fund a plane ticket and a suit to get a better paying job.

A worker might be uninsured or underinsured and need the income that might go into a 401k plan to pay current medical bills.

A worker might not be able to afford for their child to play sports, get music lessons or attend a camp for gifted children or go to a spelling bee or other academic contest because the money they could have used for those purposes was forcibly put in a 401k.

I don't believe at all that the intention of this proposal is to benefit the average worker. It is clearly A) socialism B) most likely another attempt by the government to squeeze every last drop out of workers to benefit big financial corporations.

Shame on you!