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We understand that the latest version of this is to make this voluntary.

As a retirement plan professional I can tell you that a voluntary redemption fee policy is impossible for the professional community to administer and communicate to 401(k) & retirement plan participants.

Since participant directed retirement plans were not the source of the problem that you are trying to fix we would suggest that you require mutual fund companies to waive any redemption fees for participant directed retirement plans.

It seems to me as a very interested observer of the goings on in the business the last few years that the real source of the problem were large pools of controlled assets (hedge funds) that have been gaming the system. Regulation should be directed at the abusers of the system not the routine users.

The proposed approach simply adds costs and hassle to a system that is already complex and subject to endless regulation. In the end this regulation fails to solve anything.

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