

Written Testimony of John T. Poprik

Nominee for membership to Unemployment Compensation Board of Review

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Chairman Gordner, Chairwoman Tartaglione and members of the Senate Labor & Industry Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present my testimony, at this hearing, for the consideration of my nomination to the UC Board of Review. I would like to thank Governor Corbett for placing my name in nomination for the UC Board of Review.

I have over 40 years of diversified experience working as a practicing CPA and positions in finance and administrative functions in enterprises of various sizes. My current position is that of Chief Finance Officer of a Bucks County drug and alcohol abuse counseling center. I have had many opportunities to be part of the UC process. I have participated in referee hearings and have processed UC employer questionnaires for clients and my employers. I understand the impact that unemployment has upon the workers and the economy of Pennsylvania and feel that I am qualified to become part of the UC process.

The three members of the UC Board of Appeals and the Board staff handle over 15,000 appeals from referee decisions annually and are responsible for the timely review of those appeals. As a member of the Board that is responsible for adjudicating the appeals I will provide my service in an unbiased and fair manner. The employees, employers and UC staff deserve the independence of mind that I will bring to the UC Board of Review. Further, I will do my part as a member of the Board, to ensure that decisions are made on a timely basis and all facts, evidence and testimony received from the parties to the appeal are adequately reviewed and considered. I am aware of the responsibilities and duties of the UC Board of Review, including annual case load, the processing procedures and the status of current numbers of cases on hand including the time deadlines that are imposed by both Federal and Pennsylvania laws.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify today and for the time that you have recently given me to personally discuss my background and my desire to serve as a member of the UC Board of Review. I look forward to your support of my nomination and I welcome any questions that you may have for me.