

North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE

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October 12, 2023

Asst. Secretary Antwon Keith Division of Employment Security 700 Wade Avenue Raleigh, NC 27605

Dear Mr. Keith:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §120-14, the House Oversight and Reform Committee requests your appearance to testify on November 1, 2023, from 1:00 pm until the conclusion of the hearing in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

With your tenure at the Division of Employment Security and your current role as Assistant Secretary for Employment Security, you have unique expertise that would be valuable to the committee. For this hearing, please address

- Definition, amounts, and rates of improper payments
- Timing of first-time payments
- Implementation of recommendations from the US Department of Labor and State Auditor
- Other steps the Division is taking to improve timeliness and accuracy

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight and Reform Committee must file with the Committee Clerk a written statement of proposed testimony. This must be filed by 12:00 noon one week before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record, the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony, or both. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

Witnesses appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony, a current resume summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov no later than Wednesday, October 25 at 12:00 noon.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Committee Clerks in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Megan Kluttz at (919)-715-4466 or Megan.Kluttz@ncleg.gov.

Sincerely.

. Jake Johnson

Co-Chair

Rep. Harry Warren

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