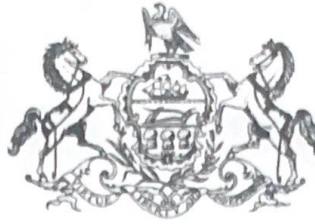


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April 17, 2020

Honorable Jim Cox
Majority Chairman, House Labor & Industry Committee
209 Ryan Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Hearing with PA Department of Labor & Industry Secretary W. Gerard Oleksiak

Dear Representative Cox,

I am calling upon you, in your capacity as Majority Chairman of the House Labor & Industry Committee, to schedule an emergency virtual hearing with Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary, W. Gerard Oleksiak. The purpose of this hearing is to question Secretary Oleksiak about his department's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, I am requesting Secretary Oleksiak provide detailed answers and information about his department's actions in response to the spike in unemployment claims and their delay and failure to develop a timely system for application and disbursement of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits.

I have lost count of the number of constituents who have sought assistance with my office about their failure to contact L & I staff, obtain necessary PIN information, file claims, etc. I fear, without further action by our committee, these delays and inaction will continue.

Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Mullery'.

Gerald J. Mullery
State Representative
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Cc: Rep. Pat Harkins via email