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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer, and members of the Sunset Review Committee, on behalf of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Carolyn Mangas, and I am the legislative affairs manager for BWC.

There are two BWC entities which are currently due for the sunset review process:

- Workers' Compensation Board of Directors Nominating Committee
- Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors

BWC respectfully requests the reauthorization of these entities.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Workers' Compensation Board of Directors Nominating Committee was established in 2007 to review and evaluate possible appointees for the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors and then to make recommendations to the governor for the appointment of members to the board.

The Nominating Committee has 14 members that are defined in statute and includes:

- Three individuals who are members of affiliated employee organizations of the Ohio chapter of the American federation of labor-congress of industrial organizations (AFLCIO), who are selected by the Ohio chapter of the AFLCIO. Terms of office shall be for one year.
- Two individuals who can be classed as representative of employees, one of whom shall be an injured worker with a valid, open, and active workers' compensation claim and at least one of these two representatives also shall represent employees who are not members of an employee organization. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives each shall appoint annually one of these members.
- The chief executive officer of the Ohio chamber of commerce, the Ohio manufacturers' association, the Ohio self-insurers' association, the Ohio council of retail merchants, the national federation of independent business, and the Ohio farm bureau;



- The director of development;
- The president of the Ohio township association; and
- The president of the Ohio county commissioners association.

The Nominating Committee typically meets once a year.

BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Bureau of Workers' Compensation Board of Directors was created in 2007. The 11-member board is an independent body comprised of members who represent the interests of Ohio workers, employers, and the public at large, and lend their professional expertise to overseeing the agency's operations.

The board was created to strengthen operational accountability and transparency, and guide overall administrative policy of BWC. As fiduciaries of Ohio's workers' compensation system, the board maintains the solvency of the State Insurance Fund and provides independent verification of BWC's financial and operational performance.

BWC's 11-member board is composed of the following roles per statute:

- One member shall be an individual who can be classed as a representative of employees;
- Two members shall be individuals who can be classed as representatives of employee organizations and at least one of these two individuals shall be a member of the executive committee of the largest statewide labor federation;
- Three members shall be individuals who can be classed as representatives of employers, one of whom represents self-insuring employers, one of whom is a state fund employer who employs one hundred or more employees, and one of whom is a state fund employer who employs less than one hundred employees;
- Two members shall be individuals who can be classed as investment and securities experts who have direct experience in the management, analysis, supervision, or investment of assets and are residents of this state;
- One member who shall be a certified public accountant;
- One member who shall be an actuary who is a member in good standing with the American academy of actuaries or who is an associate or fellow with the casualty actuarial society; and



- One member shall represent the public and also be an individual who cannot be classed as either predominantly representative of employees or of employers.

Members of the board serve staggered three-year terms and are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Ohio Senate.

The Board of Directors has monthly committee meetings and board meetings and thus has one dedicated staff member. Per statute, the board is required to meet at least 12 times a year.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.