### CHAIRPERSON ELISSA SILVERMAN COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

# ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

#### **Unemployment Insurance Programs in the District During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

#### Monday, October 26, 2020, 10:00 am

## Virtual roundtable via Zoom Broadcast on DC Cable Channel 13 and online at <u>www.dccouncil.us</u>

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, announces a public oversight roundtable before the Committee on the District's unemployment compensation program during the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus of the roundtable will be the performance of District government in implementing new programs created by Congress to expand eligibility for benefits, processing claims, modernizing the information technology (IT) system, and educating the public about the availability and requirements of the various programs.

Witnesses may use their phone or computer to participate in this virtual roundtable. Those who wish to testify <u>must</u> sign up no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020 by providing their information using the form available at: <u>https://forms.gle/hDpzd6XgUZixvbmw6</u>. Witnesses must provide their name, email address, telephone number, organizational affiliation (if any), and job title (if any), as well whether they require language interpretation or sign language interpretation. Witnesses who require language interpretation or sign language interpretation are requested to email the Labor Committee at <u>labor@dccouncil.us</u> as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020, stating their need for interpretation and requested language. The Council's Office of the Secretary will fulfill timely requests for language interpretation services; however, requests received later than October 16 may not be able to be fulfilled due to vendor availability.

The Committee will email witnesses who have signed up by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, to provide them with details about how to participate in the roundtable via the Zoom platform. Only witnesses who have signed up by the deadline will be permitted to participate. Those wishing to testify are encouraged to submit an electronic copy of written testimony by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020, so that staff may distribute testimonies to Committee members and staff in advance. Witnesses representing organizations will have five minutes to present their testimony, and other individuals will have three minutes to present their testimony; less time will be allowed if there is a large number of witnesses.

If anyone is unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to <u>labor@dccouncil.us</u>. Additionally, the public may provide testimony by voice mail by calling (202) 455-0153, stating

and spelling the witness's name, stating any organizational affiliation, and speaking slowly to provide a statement to be transcribed and included in the record. The record will close at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2020.