

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

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

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

B23-985 Unemployment Benefits Extension Amendment Act of 2020

Monday, November 16, 2020, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Virtual roundtable via Zoom
Broadcast on DC Cable Channel 13 and online at www.dccouncil.us**

Councilmember Elissa Silverman, Chairperson of the Committee on Labor and Workforce Development, announces a public hearing before the Committee on B23-985 the Unemployment Benefits Extension Amendment Act of 2020, which will amend the District of Columbia Unemployment Compensation Act to qualify District workers for additional weeks of unemployment insurance and pandemic unemployment assistance benefits under the Extended Benefits program. A companion emergency measure was passed by the Council on October 20, 2020 (B23-983), and a temporary measure (B23-984) passed its first vote on that date.

Witnesses may use their phone or computer to participate in this virtual roundtable. Those who wish to testify must sign up no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020 by providing their information using the form available at: <https://forms.gle/p7m8FyoMcuyrBGzK7> 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 labor@dccouncil.us as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 6, 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 November 6 may not be able to be fulfilled due to vendor availability.

On Friday, November 13, the Committee will email witnesses who have signed up by the 10 a.m. November 13 deadline to provide them with details about how to participate in the hearing 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, November 13, 2020, so that staff may distribute testimonies 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 hearing, written statements will be made a part of the official record. Written statements should be submitted by email to labor@dccouncil.us. 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 Tuesday, November 17, 2020.