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Appointee to the Kansas Employment Security Review Board

Good Morning.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity to be here today and the possibility to serve on the Employment Security Review Board.

I am a native Kansan. Born and raised in Arkansas City. My husband and I operate a small business and own property in Cowley County. We have three grown children. Two boys in the military; one a Colonel in the KS Air National Guard stationed in Washington, DC and the other a Major in the Air Force stationed at Lakenheath AFB England. Our daughter lives in Cowley County and works for a major employer in the area.

When not working my husband and I enjoy spending time with family, gardening and riding our Harley on day trips throughout south central Kansas and northern Oklahoma.

I recently retired from WestRock (formally known as MeadWestvaco Calmar) in Winfield Kansas. My position was Human Resources Manager. WestRock is a plastics injection molding facility employing approximately 275 associates, operating 24/7. I was fortunate to work with many great associates over the last 15 years at WestRock.

Prior to WestRock, I was employed at our local hospital in Arkansas City. I worked in business development and human resources functions. In the early years with the hospital I was involved recruiting primary care physicians to Ark City followed by several years as the Human Resource Manager.

In the late 70's to early 90's, I worked for Southwestern Bell in Wichita and St. Louis. While in St. Louis I graduated from Webster University with a Bachelor of Arts in Management with an emphasis in Business Administration.

If you asked my co-workers what they think of me, I believe they would say I am honest, principled and committed to the work at hand. I have always tried to be empathetic to others but maintain fairness and consistency in my decision making.

Based on my background, I believe I am qualified for appointment to the Review Board because:

- I have many years of making impartial decisions based on the facts at hand.
- I am familiar with the Unemployment Insurance rules and regulations.
- I am committed to serving on the board and fulfilling all obligations of the position during a four year term.

Again, I thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you today and for your consideration of my appointment. I look forward to any questions you may have.