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**STATEMENT OF GLENN MARSHALL, PRESIDENT OF CARPENTERS' LOCAL 210, SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to appear before you today. It has been an honor to serve as a member of the **Workers' Compensation Advisory Commission** for nearly ten years, and I very much look forward to having a chance to serve another term to work with Chairman Mastropietro and the members of the Advisory Commission.

Currently, I am the President of Carpenters' Local 210, representing approximately 2,000 carpenters and their families in western Connecticut. I am also District Manager for the Connecticut Carpenters, a member of the Health and Pension Funds and a member of the Executive Board of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters that includes nearly 25,000 carpenters throughout the six states of New England.

Prior to becoming President of Carpenters' Local 210, I worked as a residential and commercial carpenter for over 20 years. I have seen firsthand the importance of the workers compensation system and the difference it can make when someone gets injured on the job.

While the construction industry has come a long way in terms of safety on the jobsite since I started working as a carpenter nearly thirty years ago, it still remains one of the most dangerous occupations in the state of Connecticut. Several members of the carpenter's union were killed at L'Ambiance Plaza, and each year when we honor our coworkers who dies in that terrible accident, we are reminded how dangerous construction work is.

Most of the injuries afflicting construction workers aren't fatal, but the worker's compensation system plays a vital role for helping workers injured on the jobsite. Maintaining a strong workers' compensation system is good for our industry, our workers and our employers.

Again, I want to thank the members of the committee and the entire legislature for your support in the past, and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.