

TESTIMONY OF
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Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee
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Good morning Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, and members of the Committee, staff and fellow citizens. This nomination is for my fourth term as a member of the Board of Governors for Higher Education. I am honored to be before you and to be one of Governor Rell's nominees.

I am a Connecticut native. I have spent most of my life in the state working and living in the Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford areas. My education includes a Master of Arts in Corporate and Political Communication.

My professional background is primarily in the financial services industry including four years of consulting for a major firm. I currently work for The United Illuminating Company in New Haven. I have worked as a loaned executive or board member in federal, state and local government. Some of my specific professional skills include process management, budgeting, financial management, and risk management.

During the past three terms I have learned a great deal about Connecticut's higher education system. I believe I have contributed to the state's current efforts to ensure the quality of the public system and its responsiveness to the needs of Connecticut.

As you know, we are in very tough economic times. Our colleges and universities, particularly our community colleges, must both deliver more services while controlling tuition increases. Since my background is in financial management, I feel my contributions to the Board play an important role in these times.

I look forward to continue working with the Board on the many challenges that face policymakers, parents and students.

Thank you for your attention and I am prepared to answer any questions you may have for me.