

Statement of Donald J. Shubert  
Before  
Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee  
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Good afternoon Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, Senator Fasano, Representative Camillo and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Don Shubert and it is an honor and privilege to be reappointed as a member of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board by Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to this committee for the opportunity to appear before you to speak about my desire to continue to serve on the Board.

Working my way through the ranks in a family-owned Connecticut construction company while attending Eastern Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut School of Law has given me a combination of life experience, education, and business acumen that makes me a suitable appointee for the Advisory Board.

Early on in my career, I managed over 100 Teamsters for a large construction company at the time when Connecticut was going through workers' compensation reform. I also clerked for Commissioner Angelo DosSantos while in law school during the time the reform measures were being implemented. I had the opportunity to see first-hand how some of the reform measures affected my fellow employees and the way the company that I worked for managed work-related injuries. At the same time, I had the opportunity to watch a commissioner adjudicate claims. This gave me a unique perspective on the system.

I am interested in renewing this appointment because I know how important it is for business leaders to work with government officials on all levels. I have a deep understanding of this through being the Chairman of the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission since September of 2011. I also have a tremendous respect for the administration and commissioners of the workers' compensation system in Connecticut. I believe that active input by industry leaders is important to maintaining balanced and effective policies and programs at various sectors of state government.

For these reasons and more, I am pleased to be here before you today as an appointee for the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity. I would be happy to answer any questions.