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I am a life long resident of Franklin County, where my wife, Florence, and I raised four children and proud grandparents of six.

I have a long record of public service to our community, state and nation. I served as a Columbus Police Officer for 27 ½ years. While serving as a police officer I received several commendations and advance training courses. I also was elected by my peers to serve as trustee, vice president and president for 10 years of Capital City Lodge #9. During my tenure with the Fraternal Order of Police I negotiated and overseen contracts affecting some 16 law enforcement agencies in Franklin County. I have dealt with all aspects of labor agreements and appeals to SERB and assisted on several occasions with workers comp claims.

Served the law enforcement professionals of this state and nation first as a National Trustee of Ohio to the National Fraternal Order of Police Board for 12 years and was elected National Vice President of the Grand Lodge. In 1987 I was elected National President of the Grand Lodge and served until 1995. In November 1994 I was elected to serve as Franklin County Commissioner and served in that position for 12 years.

During my career I have attended many seminars and taught classes on law enforcement and collective bargaining process. The following is a brief highlight of some of those accomplishments: served as co-chairman of Governor George Voinovich Labor Advisory Committee; served on Columbus Area Labor Management Board and the Solid Waste Authority Organization. Set training seminars and education system for law enforcement on issues of labor. Served on the board that set up National Training and Certification for all law enforcement. While serving as elected County Commissioner I worked with Human Resources on contract negotiations and review of several worker comp claims. Initiated The Managing for Results Program for the county.

During my tenure, Franklin County was rated as one of the best administered counties in the country and we maintained our AAA Bond rating and managed a budget in excess of one billion dollars. During my career as a law enforcement officer and elected official I received many awards and recognitions for my public service.

With my background in labor management and an elected official, I believe I could be an asset to the Bureau of Workers Compensation Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration.