Wed 5/20/2020 1:50 PM **Email From Mike Preston**

Allison,

On the afternoon of Tuesday May 19, 2020, I received an email requesting my attendance at a joint committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2020. The topics for which I am expected to provide testimony concern the PUA unemployment status and PUA website issues. I am unable to attend the meeting to speak to those issues.

Matters concerning the PUA system are currently the subject of a federal investigation, and as such, I am unable to provide any information or answer any questions concerning the current status of the system or any website issues. For that reason, I am unable to attend the meeting as requested.

Updates concerning payments to qualified applicants will be provided in writing to the qualified applicants and the entire legislature as the information becomes available. In addition, an official from the Department of Commerce will be available to provide additional payment updates to Arkansas Legislative Council on May 27, 2020.

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