

I have watched for the last two days and while David did an incredible job presenting a huge amount of information, I can't get over how uninformed and ill prepared the committee was.

Here we are six months in, and even though their offices have been contacted many, many times by their constituents, they still seemed to have no understanding of how the program works and how it has failed. Even after they heard the presentation, the few questions they raised (and why did they have so few questions) often indicated that they weren't really listening and didn't even keep up with the news!

This seems like a huge dereliction of duty on their parts and points to extremely poor oversight. If they don't understand how the program works in all its complexity how can they help to improve it. They frequently focused on more minor issues while ignoring the larger ones.

They certainly were unable to come up with any ideas or plans on how to assist OED in helping those who are still struggling with getting none or only partial payments. That according to you today, only 8 people have signed up to give testimony tomorrow, shows again how this hearing was a failure.

Where were the other legislators? Why was this limited to this committee? This should have been of interest to all, since this is a statewide issue. Do you have any idea of how many people even watched the hearings? Why didn't all the legislators reach out to every person who contacted their offices to let them know about these hearings.

This lack of communication with their constituents makes it look like they really are not interested in hearing from us. Why are they not doing a better job at working with and for us?

I am an admin for a very large and active FB group that helps people navigate OED. We have stepped in where the state has dropped the ball. I sent in detailed testimony, which I also shared with David, and he incorporated and addressed much of it in his presentation.

But I am extremely disappointed with the committees' inability to understand what is happening. It is very discouraging to see that our elected leadership does not understand the basics of this program and no doubt extends to other areas as well.