

Good morning, Chair Hutchinson, Minority Chair Miller and to all of the members of the Senate Finance Committee.

As you know, I am Paul Gitnik

I want to thank my home Senator Fontana for the thoughtful words of introduction and support.

God again, guided my destiny when Governor Wolf called me to ask me if I would be interested in being a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue. I want to thank Governor Wolf for my first nomination to the Board of Finance and Revenue, and to all of the Senators for their unanimous confirmation on June 22nd of 2018.

At that time, I stated to Governor Wolf, the members of the Senate Finance Committee and to the Senators that it was an honor and a privilege to be nominated, confirmed and duly appointed as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue.

Now, I want to thank Governor Shapiro for my renomination to the Board of Finance and Revenue.

I also want to thank Lt. Governor Davis for his continued faith and support.

I want to reaffirm to the Governor, Lt. Governor, members of the Senate Finance Committee and to all of the Senators, I fully acknowledge that it is an honor and a privilege to be nominated to the Board of Finance and Revenue. Further, I am reaffirming to the people of this Commonwealth that it is an honor and a privilege to serve the people of this Commonwealth as a member of the Board of Finance and Revenue.

As you know from my biographical sketch, I was born in Italy. I was adopted by loving parents who resided in Pennsylvania, and were citizens of the United States. God guided my destiny, into a loving family, and my eventual naturalization as citizen of the United States, the greatest country in the world.

Since all of you have a copy of my biographical sketch, I will not go through my educational, professional, and business life at this time. Tax law has always been a core part of my education, professional and business life. Please feel free to ask me any questions.

To the members of the Senate Finance Committee and to all of the Senators, my passion both individually and professionally for learning, growing, and becoming is as strong as ever, as well as my stewardship and accountability to the people of this Commonwealth.

Finally, for the record, I want to publicly thank my fellow board members, our attorney briefers and our support staff, because without them I would not be here today.

In conclusion, I thank you for your time and attention, and I respectfully ask each and every one of you for your support.