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Via Electronic Mail

Hon. Jason Petrie, Chair House Appropriations and Revenue Committee Legislature Research Commission Room 300, Capitol Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Courtesy of Jennifer Hays Jennifer.Hays@lrc.ky.gov

Re: Unemployment Insurance Report-Second Quarter of 2022

Dear Representative Petrie,

The following quarterly Unemployment Insurance report is submitted in accordance with KRS 341.240(3)(d).

#### A. Financing

The Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund has been solvent since July 22, 2021. On July 22, 2021, the Governor authorized the allocation of \$505,731,673.91 to pay off Kentucky's Title XII loan.

## B. Status of Unemployment Insurance Fund

The Kentucky unemployment insurance trust fund is at a current balance of \$738,033,954.33. Quarterly employer contribution payments made during 2022, in addition to the current trust fund balance are expected to sustain the trust fund throughout the remaining of the 2022 calendar year.

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## C. Surcharge

As a result of legislation enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly in 2021 (HB 413), the surcharge assessment under KRS 341.614 was suspended for calendar year 2021. In addition, no interest was assessed during 2020 or 2021 on Kentucky's Title XII advances. Kentucky's Title XII advances have now been paid in full and satisfied, therefore no surcharge assessment is needed. Surcharge was last assessed to Kentucky employers during the 2nd quarter of 2016.

# D. Cap Efforts

Kentucky employers were not assessed any federal unemployment tax act ("FUTA") credit reductions on their IRS form 940, during 2021 and does not expect any credit reductions for 2022. If eligible under federal law, KRS 341.595(2) requires an application to obtain a cap on the federal unemployment tax credit reduction. As the original Title XII advances have been paid in full, the cap on credit reduction is no longer needed.

Respectfully,

/s/Jamie Link

Jamie Link, Secretary Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet

