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**Secretary Shultz Selects Monica Vargas Huertas for Appointment
to the Workers Compensation and Employment Security Review Boards Nominating Committee**

TOPEKA, KAN. – Secretary Amber Shultz today selected Monica Vargas Huertas to be her nominee for appointment by the Governor to the Workers Compensation and Employment Security Review Boards Nominating Committee. Huertas will be the newest member of this seven-person committee. The governor’s appointment will be effective July 1, 2021.

Huertas is the Political Director and Special Projects Assistant to the President of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), Local Two. In this position, she is responsible for coordinating and developing efforts with state and local community organizations to promote grassroots development in Wichita and southwest Kansas. Prior experience includes a role as the Northeast Deputy Director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, in New York City.

Along with this appointment, Huertas also currently serves as a Commissioner for the Kansas Hispanic and Latino Affairs Commission. She is a graduate of the Universidad Externado de Colombia in Bogota, Columbia with both a Bachelor’s of Law and Master’s in Government and Public Policy. Huertas also holds a LL.M. Master in US Legal Studies from the University of Connecticut, School of Law.

“Monica Vargas Huertas’ experience strategically working with local governments, agencies and community organizations will be and be an excellent addition to this committee,” said Labor Secretary Amber Shultz.

Since March 15, 2020 KDOL has paid out over 4.6 million weekly claims totaling over \$3 billion between regular unemployment and the federal pandemic programs. For more information, or to apply for unemployment benefits, go to www.GetKansasBenefits.gov.

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