

Committee members,

My name is Erik Elzy, I am a proud 26-year member of United Association of Plumbers, Pipefitters, and HVACR Technicians Local 502 in Louisville, Kentucky. As requested, here is a little about me:

After graduating high school and going to college on a baseball scholarship, I quickly realized that college was not something I could ever see myself completing as I was a hands-on learner. I began my pre-apprenticeship in the plumbing trade in the spring of 1996. After working as a pre-apprentice for a little over a year, I applied, and was accepted into Local 502's apprenticeship program. I began my apprenticeship training in August of 1997. After 5 years of training, both on the job, and in the classroom/ work shop setting, I graduated from the apprenticeship program in June of 2002. I graduated with the following certifications, which is required of all plumbing apprentices to graduate.

- Kentucky State Journeyman Plumbing License
- Indiana State Journeyman Plumbing License
- Medical Gas Installer License
- Backflow Prevention Installer License

Upon graduation from apprenticeship school, I became a journeyman plumber and started training apprentices on the jobsite like I was trained. I was so intrigued with teaching, I decided to become an instructor at our apprenticeship school. I taught many courses for our apprenticeship including, drafting and drawing interpretation, Kentucky State Plumbing code exam prep, Foreman certification, among others. I was an instructor from 2005-2013. In 2013, one of the training coordinators positions (a full-time salaried position) was coming available with the retirement of a coordinator. I applied for this position and was hired in September 2013. As a training coordinator, I was responsible for approximately 350, 1st-5th year apprentices, those responsibilities included, scheduling classes, hiring and maintaining instructors, budgets, among several other responsibilities.

In 2016, one of the Business Representatives of Local 502 announced his retirement. There was an election held in December of 2016 for his vacated position. I was nominated for and won this election. I began my job as a business representative in February of 2017 and currently still hold this position. I must be nominated and win an election every 3 years. My duties have included, dispatching Local 502 members to jobsites, trustee on Pension funds, health and welfare funds, and education and training funds. Since being elected to this position, I have been promoted to Assistant Business Manager, I have also been appointed to the Kentucky State AFL-CIO general executive board, Greater Louisville Building and Construction Trades Council (Vice-President), and was appointed by Governor Andy Beshear to the Kentucky Department of Housing, Building and Construction Advisory Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to participate in this hearing. If you need anything further, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Elzy', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Erik Elzy