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Jeff Ficke is CEO & Founder of Russell Allen Partners. Mr. Ficke is an executive leader in financial services with over 30 years of experience in the banking, technology driven solutions, business startup and financial services industries. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Ficke was appointed to lead the State of Ohio's Public-Private Partnership by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine (R-OH). He was tasked with supporting the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services as part of a task force involving 30 large public companies that had expertise in fraud prevention, claims processing, and customer service. Some experts believe there may be additional opportunity to recover billions in stolen taxpayer funds sitting in U.S banks and reinvest a portion of those funds to upgrade UI administration systems exists, for example, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services recovered nearly \$398 million in unemployment benefits due to their collaboration with financial institutions and law enforcement. Our witness, Mr. Ficke, will testify about this work and findings. The state of Washington, using its state asset forfeiture powers to recover taxpayer money, has recovered a total of more than \$420 million in stolen funds.