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Ms. Evermore also served in the Biden administration as deputy director for policy in the newly formed Office of Unemployment Insurance Modernization in the U.S. Department of Labor. In that role, she spearheaded efforts to improve the delivery of UI benefits in a timely and accurate manner and ensure “equitable access” for underserved communities. She represented those efforts to Congress and the press through technical assistance, on-the-record interviews, and Congressional testimony. She also worked for the National Employment Law Project from 2018 to 2021, focused on building a more inclusive and sufficient unemployment insurance system.

Michele has testified before Congress several times and is frequently quoted in major news outlets, including the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, *Good Morning America*, NPR, *Marketplace*, Associated Press, Reuters, ABC, NBC, *Politico*, *The Hill*, *Bloomberg*, *Time* and *USA Today*, as well as many large regional newspapers, radio shows, and television news. She holds an MS in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a BA in interpersonal rhetoric and communication from Iowa State University.