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Hello, my name is Larry Padora. I'll be testifying in front of the committee today about the effect of the runaway inflation caused by the Biden administration on small businesspeople. Plus, the mishandling of the covid response by our Governor and the current Attorney General. The impact this has had on all the small businesses in Pennsylvania and especially my 135-year-old Italian bakery. It seems like there has been a wholesale war on small businesspeople we can't get a break. We have President Biden and his administrations with their out-of-control inflationary spending that has driven up the price of coal (\$405 per two tons to \$900 per two tons), flour (\$14 and \$16 a bag to \$23 and \$25 a bag), energy (40% increase), gas (\$1.59 a gallon to \$4.20 a gallon), and everything else. There is no relief in sight for small businesspeople they need help, and it is needed now. We need a proactive state government and a governor that is going to fight this massive federal infringement on our rights to prosper and make a living. My family bakery has survived the great depression, the Spanish flu, World War I, World War II, and every recession but I do not know if it will be able to survive the policies of the democrats in Harrisburg and D.C. I fear in this current climate that to be an entrepreneur is quickly being snuffed out.