



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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December 9, 2013

To the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation,

We write to you on behalf of the tens of thousands of Wisconsin workers who rely on unemployment insurance benefits while they are between jobs. We urge you to take immediate action to extend the federal unemployment insurance programs which are set to expire on December 28, 2013.

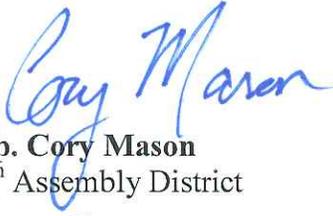
As state Legislators, we hear every day from constituents who are anxiously watching the time run out on their unemployment insurance. More than 73,000 Wisconsin residents are currently receiving unemployment benefits. Many have been looking for and unable to find a job for months. Unemployment insurance benefits not only keep these families afloat financially, these benefits go right back into the economy as soon as they get into workers' hands. Without these critically important benefits, workers cannot purchase groceries, buy gas, or pay their rent or mortgage. Without income to spend in the community, more jobs will be lost and the economic recovery we are all striving to achieve will continue to come too slowly for too many.

The federal extensions of unemployment benefits represent one of the largest and most successful stimulus measures enacted during our nation's economic recession. Without Congressional action, approximately 24,900 Wisconsin residents will immediately lose these benefits and close to 2,000 additional residents will lose their benefits each week after that. Just as disturbingly, the loss of these benefits will deprive our communities and economy of badly-needed dollars.

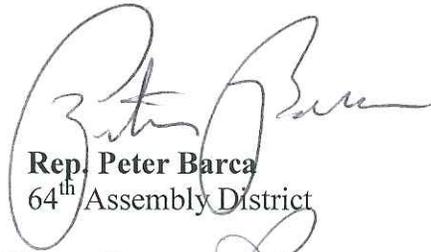
Wisconsin's unemployed residents have weathered considerable stress, uncertainty, and anxiety as the expiration date looms. We urge Congress to take responsibility and vote immediately to extend this most basic of benefits. Wisconsin's unemployed workers and their families are counting on Congress to take action. As the holiday season is upon us, extension of these benefits says a lot about the value we place in our fellow citizens who are looking for work.

As Congressional leaders from the state that proudly led the nation in creating unemployment insurance benefits, we urge you to now lead the effort to extend this safety net for struggling workers and their families.

Sincerely,



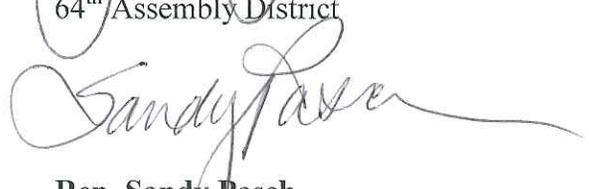
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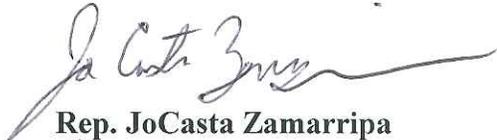
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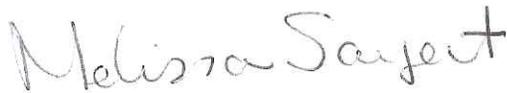
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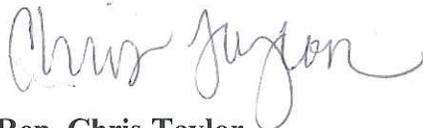
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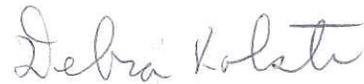
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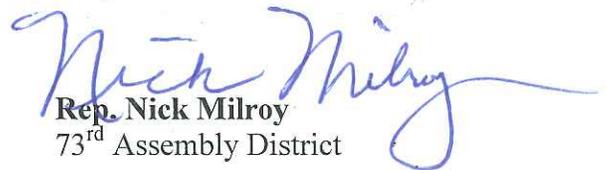
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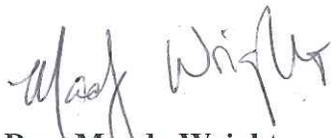
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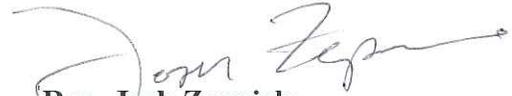
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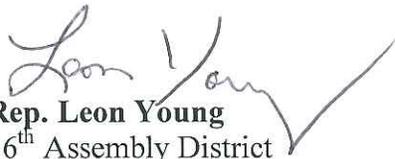
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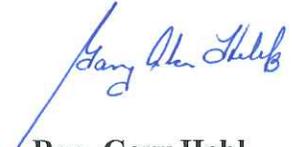
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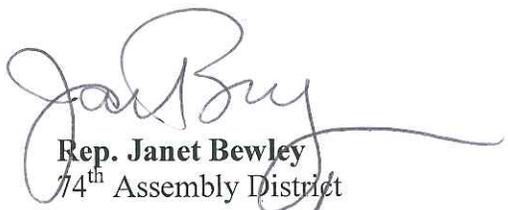
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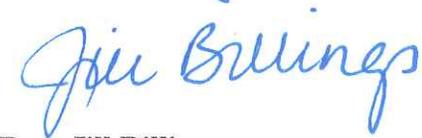
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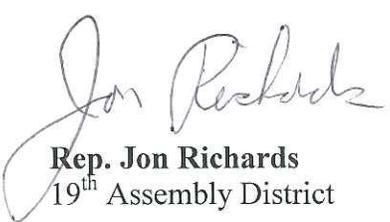
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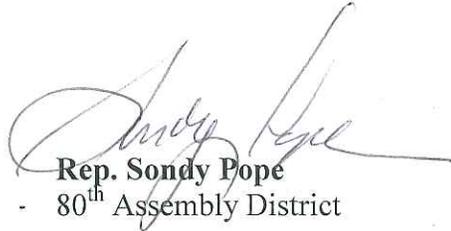
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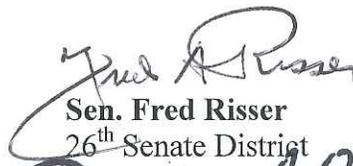
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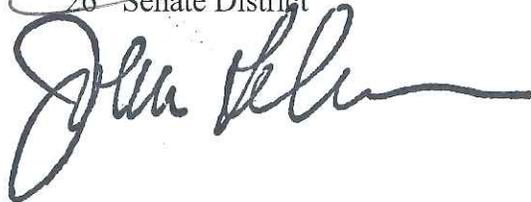
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