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Rep. Callahan Encourages a Return-To-Work for Wisconsin with Veto Override Attempt

[Madison, WI] – During today’s extraordinary State Assembly floor session, Representative Calvin Callahan (R-Tomahawk) voted to override Governor Evers’ veto of [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 336](#). This bill would end the state’s participation in federal unemployment compensation enhancement programs. Employers around the state are unable to fill open positions and keep their businesses open throughout the week in part due to these additional benefits, which dis-incentivize individuals from returning to work.

“Around the 35th Assembly District and the rest of the state, you see ‘Help Wanted’ signs everywhere,” said Rep. Callahan. “Hardworking business-owners where I’m from are doing everything they can to address the situation in their stores, restaurants, bars, and resorts. I’m proud to be doing everything I can at the state level, including authoring this legislation, to assist them and get their workers back.”

The federal supplement provides an additional \$300 per week on top of state benefits, which is set to expire on September 6, 2021. The bill would end Wisconsin’s participation in the following federal programs:

- Pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) program
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment compensation (PEUC) program
- Federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) program
- Mixed earner unemployment compensation (MEUC) program

“Other states that have removed the additional federal benefits have seen their folks head back to work,” continued Rep. Callahan. “Employers in our neck of the woods need staff to support their businesses and shouldn’t have to compete with unemployment.”

Last year, Governor Evers also waived the requirement that individuals must actively search for a job to be eligible for unemployment benefits. AB 336 also ensures that this requirement stays in place.

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The 35th Assembly District includes all of Lincoln County and portions of Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, and Shawano Counties.