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Joins Call for Governor Evers to Utilize Discretionary Federal Funds to Help Unemployed

Madison – Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) joined her Republican legislative colleagues today in calling on Governor Evers to use a small portion of the discretionary federal funds from the CARES Act to provide financial relief to unemployed Wisconsinites still waiting on the Department of Workforce Development and the Evers Administration to provide unemployment benefits.

“As I’ve publicly stated recently, there are a number of individuals from the 70th Assembly District still waiting to receive their unemployment benefits, get a resolution to their unemployment cases, or even get some sort of response from the Department of Workforce Development. It’s a very real problem that’s causing exceptional harm. My team and I hear from these individuals every day and it’s heartbreaking,” VanderMeer said.

This proposed program would provide funds to individuals waiting for their unemployment claim to be adjudicated. The temporary payments would provide financial relief while individuals wait for Gov. Evers’ administration to process UI claims.

Republicans in the Legislature previously called on Gov. Evers and DWD to open the call center seven days a week with extended hours, pre-pay UI claims while a full review is conducted, and call applicants and businesses to verify applications instead of mailing verification letters.

“Unfortunately, although at the outset there was an understanding of the unparalleled circumstances that the department needed to deal with, what we’ve primarily seen since is them trying to blame others for shortcomings and a refusal to take suggestions or change course. This needs to end and I believe this proposal provides a good solution to help alleviate the strain that individuals are experiencing as well as some of the strain on the department,” VanderMeer continued.

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties