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Unemployment Concerns Continue

Since March, my office has received numerous contacts from the 92nd Assembly District seeking help to resolve their unemployment insurance claim through the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Unfortunately, my office does not have direct access their submitted claims. However, we have advocated on their behalf to DWD and have been able to get many constituent unemployment insurance claims resolved as fast as we can.

Many people around Wisconsin and even the country have been waiting several weeks if not months to even receive a response from the department. That is simply unacceptable for a department here in the State of Wisconsin to not even give an update to these concerned individuals that are struggling to make ends meet. It is Wisconsinites who pay their salaries and who they serve, not the other way around. Thankfully, our economy is slowly rebuilding itself after such a devastating halt due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the numerous government orders.

My colleagues and I have been working to find solutions to improve upon our unemployment system and in our COVID-19 package there are efforts included for DWD to eliminate the backlog of the thousands of unemployment insurance claims that are still pending. In addition, early on we requested to hire additional staff and extend hours at the department to process the increase of unemployment insurance claims and to be more available to the public.

With the upcoming holidays and many unresolved unemployment insurance claims, please do not hesitate to continue to reach out to my office so that we may be able to assist you in getting your claim resolved.

As always, feel free to contact my office with questions, comments, or concerns at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wi.gov.

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