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Unemployment Legislation

Covid-19 has destroyed the lives and livelihoods of many people and rural Wisconsin was hit just as bad as the more urban areas. Many of my constituents were not sure what they were going to be able to do to afford their bills, feed their kids or even keep their businesses alive.

In times of crisis we often turn to our leaders to provide some kind of relief or gesture of hope. For Covid-19, we turned to our unemployment system to provide for us in what seemed to be our darkest hours. Unfortunately our system was broken, mismanaged and left many of us behind.

On Tuesday the 23rd the Wisconsin Assembly passed Assembly Bill 1. It would require Governor Evers and the Department of Workforce Development to upgrade their computer system and send out requests for proposals within 30 days of being signed. Additionally this bill exempts the one-week waiting period through March 14th, and provides civil liability exemptions to protect businesses, school and local governments from lawsuits.

It is heartbreaking to know that so many people all around the state are struggling to put food on the table because Governor Evers refuses to help fix our broken unemployment system. Before we can start to get back to how we were, we must make sure our friends and neighbors do not slide backwards into poverty.

AB 1 is a pivotal step in the right direction to address this growing problem. It passed the Senate and the Assembly and will now head to Governor Evers' desk.

If you are still trying to connect to unemployment please reach out to my office. My staff would be happy to get you in contact with someone at DWD.

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

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