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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**July 27, 2021****Contact: Rep. Jill Billings – 608-266-5780****Rep. Billings Statement on Misplaced Republican Agenda**  
***Prioritizing Special Interests Over Children***

**MADISON** – Today, the State Assembly attempted and failed to override the Governor’s Veto of Assembly Bill 336.

“Today the Wisconsin State Assembly took up an Extraordinary Session to override Governor Evers’ veto of Assembly Bill 336 which would end the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) program which provides an additional \$300 weekly unemployment payment through September 4<sup>th</sup>.”

“Ending FPUC just 5 ½ weeks early isn’t going to end our workforce challenges in this state, we are already at a lower unemployment rate than pre-COVID-19, and we are at a point where employees are challenged in joining the workforce because they can’t access or can’t afford childcare, they can’t afford to live on the wages offered, or don’t have the skills and training needed. Instead of investing in early childcare infrastructure, workforce training, and increasing wages in Wisconsin, the Assembly was in session for a failed veto override attempt at the behest of special interests.”

“We had an opportunity to take up Governor Evers’ call for a Special Session to appropriately fund our public education system, Instead Assembly Republicans did the bidding of their special interest allies and gaveled into the Extraordinary Session announced by Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce.”

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