

Rep. Ballweg: Comments on Gov. Evers' signing COVID-19 response bill

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Madison... Today, the Legislature sent a COVID-19 relief bill to Governor Evers' desk – which he promptly signed into law. Representative Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) supported the bill and was present for the vote on Tuesday, April 13th.

“I’m pleased that the governor and both houses of the legislature were able to work together to craft legislation that will help all of Wisconsin’s workers and families,” said Ballweg. “It was crucial that we find a solution that helps alleviate burdens from the economic downturn, helps those on the front lines fighting the spread of the virus, and allows the state to take full advantage of important federal funds.”

The bill included provisions to waive the one week waiting period to collect unemployment benefits, delay the state income tax deadline to July 15th, set aside \$75 million in state funds for future emergency needs, qualify Wisconsin for additional federal resources to help fund Medicaid, ease regulatory-requirements for healthcare and emergency medical responders, direct the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to develop a plan to help the state’s major industries recover, and ensure that the state will receive the entire \$2 billion in eligible federal assistance.

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