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## **25 Million Reasons Not to Trust Patrick Testin**

*Republican's Failure to Act Costs State Millions in Federal Funds*

MADISON - In the early weeks of the COVID-19 crisis, unemployment in Wisconsin quickly began to skyrocket. Despite an overwhelming plea from Wisconsin residents to eliminate the one-week waiting period for unemployment, Senator Patrick Testin (R-Stevens Point) along with his fellow Republican colleagues waited for over a month to act. Their failure to quickly eliminate this bureaucratic red tape that they initially put in place has resulted in Wisconsin losing out on \$25 million in federal funds for unemployment benefits.

“I can think of \$25 million reasons why Senator Testin shouldn't be re-elected to the State Senate,” said SSDC Executive Director Eric LaGesse. “It is unfathomable that he would refuse to do his job when it means helping Wisconsin workers and families that are being hit the hardest by COVID-19. Residents in the 24th Senate District deserve a legislator that is going to fight tooth and nail for them and Patrick Testin clearly isn't that person.”

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