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## **Rep. Dittrich Backs Plan to Provide Unemployment Relief**

*Calls on Governor Evers to Implement Plan to Fix Unemployment Backlog Crisis*

**Madison** – Representative Barbara Dittrich (R – Oconomowoc), along with legislative colleagues, joined together to call on Governor Evers to use a portion of the remaining CARES Act federal funding to provide financial relief for unemployed residents that have been waiting months for Evers administration/Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to process unemployment claims.

“Workers finding themselves unemployed through no fault of their own were promised these funds in an expedient manner. Waiting this long, in some cases nearly 4 months, is completely unacceptable. I have heard from numerous constituents all around the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District that are experiencing HUGE financial crises due to the non-payment of funds. The governor’s shoulder shrugs do not pay the bills of suffering Wisconsinites, shared Rep. Dittrich.

If enacted, this program would provide funds to individuals who have been waiting over 3 months for their unemployment insurance (UI) payments in the form of either zero interest forgivable loans that could be paid back if the individual is deemed eligible for unemployment or could be forgiven if they do not qualify.

“Multiple constituents have called sharing details of personal financial crisis including eviction and repossession notices and foreclosures. One constituent in the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, further complicating his financial difficulties as he was struggling to make ends meet due to non-payment of his UI claim. To make matters worse, so many individuals have not received any or very little communication from DWD regarding their claims progress,” said Rep. Dittrich.

Republicans had previously passed tools for the administration to expedite claims processing back in April, however the administration has only recently started to utilize these tools after much pressure from the legislature.

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