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## Felzkowski Urges Gov. Evers to Take Action on Unemployment Crisis

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**Madison, WI-** Representative Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma) joined her Assembly Republican colleagues in announcing a way to provide financial relief to the over 100,000 individuals still waiting for their unemployment benefits.

"Over the past several months, my office has been inundated with calls and pleas from individuals who have been waiting for weeks on end to hear back from the Department of Workforce Development on their unemployment benefits claims. In the last several days alone, we have heard heartbreaking stories of our neighbors across the 35<sup>th</sup> district who have drained their savings, are rationing food, and are threatened with eviction."

Rep. Felzkowski is calling on Governor Evers and his administration to use a portion of the unspent federal funds the state received from the CARES Act to provide temporary financial assistance to individuals who are still waiting for UI benefit claims to be reviewed, approved and processed.

Rep. Felzkowski and her colleagues are also renewing their call for Gov. Evers and DWD to expand their call center hours and keep it open seven days a week.

"While over a hundred thousand Wisconsinites lie awake at night stressed and frightened about their financial uncertainty, there is no reason the administration should not rally all state employees to work through the weekends to address this unconscionable backlog. The Governor shut down the state and forced these people out of a job. I urge Governor Evers to step up and do everything he can to help these Wisconsinites receive the funds they are owed."

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