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GOP Weekly Radio Address: Rep. Warren Petryk on Helping Wisconsin's Unemployed

MADISON – State Representative Warren Petryk (R-Town of Washington) released the Weekly Radio Address on behalf of Wisconsin State Republicans.

Hello, I'm State Representative Warren Petryk. Since the start of the pandemic thousands of people throughout our state lost their job through no fault of their own and turned to unemployment insurance for assistance. Unfortunately under this governor's mismanagement, many Wisconsinites continue to wait for their benefits, some with no end in sight.

Last April, the legislature acted and gave this governor power to transfer needed state employees to help with that backlog. We provided him with up to \$100 million in state funds to help and encouraged him to use part of the \$2 billion in federal CARES Act funding to help people waiting for an answer.

To our collective frustration, the money was not used and people continued to wait...and wait, while Wisconsin became one of the last states in the nation to pay out enhanced federal unemployment benefits.

This week, we passed legislation directing the governor to fix the mess created by his inaction and mismanagement. This bipartisan bill provides more financial relief for our unemployed while requiring the governor to begin upgrading the computer system. A project he could have and should have started last year. I hope that this time the people of our state no longer have to wait to get the relief that they so much deserve. Thank you for listening.

Video: https://youtu.be/eqn5L3l_F_U

Audio: http://legis.wisconsin.gov/eupdates/asm63/Petryk_Radio.2.24.21.mp3

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