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Rep. Rodriguez: Calls on State Legislature to Take Immediate Action on Federal UI Funding

MADISON – President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law, which provides an additional \$300 per week for unemployed Americans over the next several months. In order for Wisconsinites to receive this additional federal funding, Wisconsin must suspend its one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits which went back into effect on Sunday, March 14th.

“With the American Rescue Plan, we have an opportunity to provide unemployed Wisconsinites with an additional \$300 per week. I call on the legislature to act immediately and suspend Wisconsin’s waiting period for unemployment insurance,” said Rep. Sara Rodriguez (D-Brookfield). “We owe it to our struggling constituents to act with urgency and bring home critical federal dollars to Wisconsin families. Like Governor Evers said in his budget address, elected officials can disagree, but let’s not punish the people of Wisconsin just to settle a political score.”

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