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### **Rep. Rachael Cabral-Guevara Votes to Override Veto on Return-To-Work Bill**

**Madison, WI** - Representative Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R-Fox Crossing) voted today to override the Governor's veto of legislation that would encourage the return of individuals to the workforce. This [bill](#) would have ended Wisconsin's participation in federal unemployment compensation enhancement programs, which has been one of the primary reasons many are not returning to work. After the vote, Rep. Cabral-Guevara released the following statement:

"I was surprised the governor decided to veto this bill, so I was happy to hear the legislature was going to take action and correct this mistake," said Rep. Cabral-Guevara. "Business owners and constituents across my district have all delivered one message over the past several months: 'we need workers.' Unfortunately, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle did not listen to the small businesses in their districts struggling to find people to work."

This bill ends Wisconsin's participation in the following federal programs:

- Pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) program
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment compensation (PEUC) program
- Federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) program
- Mixed earner unemployment compensation (MEUC) program

The federal supplement provides an additional \$300 per week on top of state benefits, which over 20 states have already opted-out of. These states have seen a sizable reduction in unemployment claims. In addition, this legislation ensured the restoration of work-search requirements that were suspended by Governor Evers last year.

"Starting wages across nearly every sector in our area have shot up dramatically," Rep. Cabral-Guevara said. "Many companies are offering huge sign-on bonuses and other incentives. There is no reason we should continue paying people more to stay at home. We will continue encouraging the governor to end government's competition with our small businesses."

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*The 55<sup>th</sup> Assembly District covers parts of Winnebago and Outagamie Counties, including the towns of Clayton, Greenville, Neenah, and Grand Chute, the village of Fox Crossing, and the cities of Neenah and Appleton.*