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WCMA Calls for End to Waiting Period for Unemployment Benefits

MADISON, WI – The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) is calling on leaders of the Wisconsin State Legislature to immediately vote to end the one week waiting period for much-needed unemployment benefits. Governor Tony Evers first called for this policy change on March 17. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) have signaled support for this proposal, but the State Assembly and Senate have not met to approve this crucial policy change in a time of deep economic uncertainty for Wisconsin businesses.

WCMA Executive Director John Umhoefer issued this statement:

“Wisconsin workers faced with the sudden loss of their jobs and income due to the coronavirus disruptions deserve the assurance of immediate relief, not a week of waiting.

“Our lawmakers have the power to help displaced workers in this moment of crisis, and we call on them to take action now.”

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