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Weekly Republican Radio Address: Dysfunction at the Department of Workforce Development

MADISON – Senate President Roger Roth (R-Appleton) delivered the weekly Republican radio address.

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The last few months have brought unprecedented changes to the way we live and work. That toll on our state's economy brings us to today – an astronomical 14% unemployment rate and nearly 700,000 outstanding unemployment claims. Even more alarming, many of those claimants are not being served by the Department of Workforce Development in a timely manner.

Governor Evers has offered his empathy, but he has not demonstrated leadership. As scores of employers closed their doors because of his executive orders, no adjustments were made to anticipate the waves of claims that were sure to result.

In the last few weeks, my office has been flooded with desperate calls from residents who cannot afford basic needs like food and medication because they have not received the checks they are owed for being out of work through no fault of their own.

The governor's administration has admitted that 1 in 3 claims remain unpaid, yet two months after the crisis began, UI call centers have only expanded their hours of operation by 90 minutes.

Time and again, Governor Evers is caught without a well-devised plan, forcing him to backtrack and haphazardly change course every few days – all while failing to address the immediate needs of Wisconsin citizens.

Getting people the assistance they need, and more importantly back to work, must be our top priority in the days ahead.

For those needing assistance with UI, I urge you now to call your legislator so that we can help you through this burdensome process.

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