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Rep. Stafsholt Calls on Evers to Provide Financial Assistance to Unemployed

New Richmond, WI - Representative Rob Stafsholt (R-New Richmond) released the following statement after Assembly Republicans proposed relief for nearly 150,000 who are waiting on unemployment checks through the use of a small portion of the discretionary funds Governor Evers received from the federal CARES Act:

“I have heard from many constituents in my district who are experiencing major financial difficulties because they were furloughed or lost their job due to COVID-19,” said Rep. Stafsholt. “These constituents have been calling my office asking for help getting their unemployment claims processed but my office has had the same response and results as the constituents who have shared that they have been calling the Department of Workforce Development hundreds—even thousands of times in a few cases, trying to get through. Instead they got busy signals, were hung up on or were told to call back.”

Today Assembly Republicans call on Governor Tony Evers to invest unused federal funds from the CARES Act to provide assistance to over 100,000 individuals that have been waiting for months with no income while their UI claims wait to be reviewed and approved.

“This has been an embarrassment, and the Governor’s lack of leadership and compassion towards Wisconsinites waiting for unemployment has been astounding,” said Stafsholt. “People are being evicted, having their power shut off, and cannot put food on their table. The Governor’s silence has been deafening. For the sake of those all across the state who’ve not had their calls answered, let’s hope the Governor will finally help them by answering our call.”

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