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LEGISLATIVE DEMOCRATS SUPPORT FEDERAL HEROES ACT

Democrats call on U.S. Senate to pass legislation for Wisconsin families and businesses

MADISON - Today, Legislative Democrats sent a letter to U.S. Senator Ron Johnson and U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin encouraging their support of the HEROES Act (H.R.6800) which would extend Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) payments through January 2021. It would also bring needed aid to Wisconsin's state, local, and tribal governments. On July 2nd, Senator Tammy Baldwin [authored a letter](#) to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell supporting the HEROES Act. Senator Ron Johnson has not publicly given voiced his support or opposition to the bill. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement:

"The people of Wisconsin need the HEROES Act period. Families and businesses who have worked hard and played by the rules, are hurting through no fault of their own. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought not only a public health threat, but has threatened the economic security and livelihoods of countless Wisconsin families. Listening to the fear and uncertainty my office is receiving from calls and emails, I understand how much people need the FPUC extension. The federal government needs to ensure that people are economically secure to get through this public health and economic crisis. If we do not continue these payments, the economic fallout will be felt for years to come. The evictions, foreclosures, and business closures we would see without the enactment of this legislation are something we should avoid at all costs. If we wait for the bottom to come out, it will be too late."

"Secondly, the support for our state, local, and tribal governments in the HEROES Act would help get us through what will inevitably be some very difficult budgets. The declining income and sales tax revenues due to unemployment and slowed economic activities will have a disproportionate impact on local and tribal governments at a time when there is more demand for services.

"It has been seven weeks since the House of Representatives passed the HEROES Act. As the clock ticks down on many of the key provisions of the CARES Act, we need the Senate to act urgently to continue the positive steps that legislation took toward stabilizing our communities during a pandemic. I appreciate Senator Baldwin's public support and call for immediate action by the full U.S. Senate. She understands the need to meet this unprecedented moment in our state and nation's history. I hope Senator Johnson can join this call to action and get Majority Leader McConnell to act. It's time for the Senate to cancel their recess and bring the HEROES Act to the floor for a vote."

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