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Sen. Smith Responds to GOP Proposal Eliminating Federal UI Support

MADISON – Sen. Jeff Smith (D – Brunswick) released the following statement in response to Republicans’ misguided proposal to prematurely end participation in federal unemployment insurance programs for Wisconsin’s unemployed workers. These programs are already set to expire in September 2021.

“Republicans have yet to propose a solution to the economic challenges facing working families: stagnant wages, rising health care costs, and a lack of access to childcare. These problems have existed for years but have been ignored by Republican politicians who continue to target tax breaks to their wealthy donors and out-of-state special interests.

“Wisconsin is well on the road to recovery, but that doesn’t mean we throw down more obstacles that will get in the way of that effort. Governor Evers’ budget includes a comprehensive plan to support working families and our Wisconsin businesses. It is possible to do both without sacrificing one over the other.”

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The 31st Senate District includes all of Buffalo and Pepin counties and portions of Trempealeau, Pierce, Dunn, Eau Claire and Jackson counties and very small portions of Chippewa and St. Croix counties.