



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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December 18, 2012

To the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation,

We are writing to you on behalf of the tens of thousands of Wisconsin workers who are in-between jobs and relying on unemployment insurance benefits to support themselves and their families. **We urge you to take immediate action to extend the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits which, without Congressional action, will come to an abrupt end on December 29, 2012.**

As state Legislators, we hear every day from constituents who are searching for work and anxiously watching the time run out on their unemployment insurance benefits. **Without Congressional action, it is estimated that 40,000 Wisconsin workers will lose these vitally important benefits.**

Jobless workers in our state still greatly outnumber job vacancies (by an estimated margin of three to one). For many of these workers, these unemployment benefits are their only source of income. The abrupt end of these emergency unemployment benefits will send tens of thousands of Wisconsin workers and their families into a financial tailspin.

Extending the lifeline provided by these emergency unemployment benefits is also critically important to Wisconsin's still-struggling economy. The loss of these benefits will deprive our communities and economy of badly-needed dollars. Unemployment benefits go right back into the economy as soon as workers receive them, and without these benefits, workers cannot purchase groceries, buy gas, or pay their rents and mortgages. These dollars are a valuable and reliable part of our economy's recovery that we risk jeopardizing by abruptly ending these benefits.

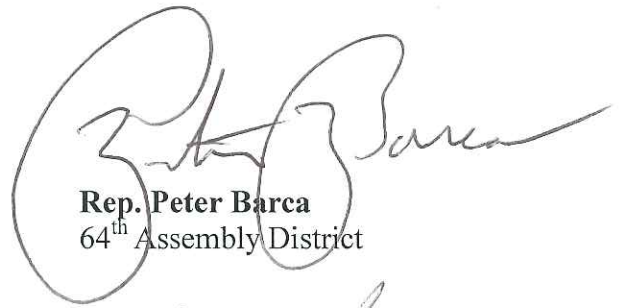
Wisconsin's unemployed workers have already weathered considerable stress, uncertainty, and anxiety as they navigate a challenging economic reality and fearfully watch the looming expiration date of their benefits. These unemployed Wisconsinites are counting on Congress to take action to preserve this vital safety net. As the holiday season is upon us, extension of these benefits also says a great deal about the value we place in our fellow citizens.

Wisconsin proudly led the nation in creating unemployment insurance benefits. As our Congressional delegation, we urge you to now lead the effort to extend this safety net for struggling workers and their families. We implore you to act before the end of this year to extend emergency federal unemployment benefits.

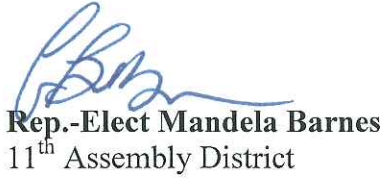
Sincerely,




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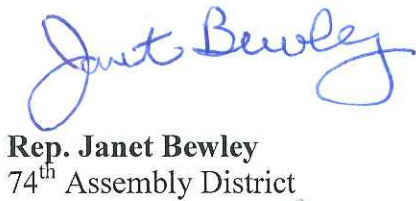
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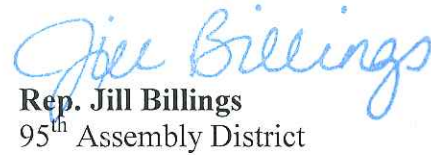
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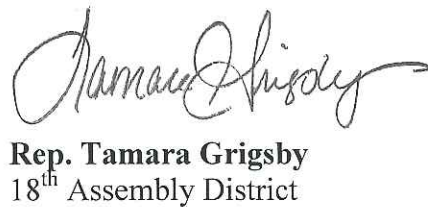


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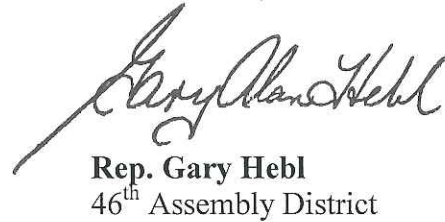


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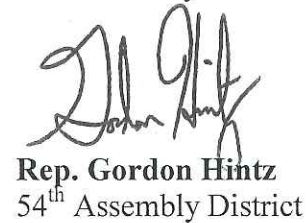


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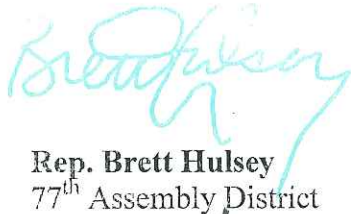


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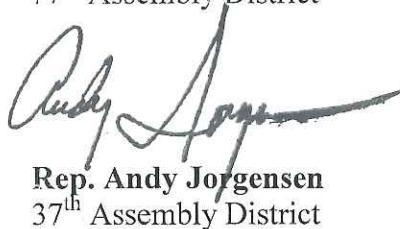


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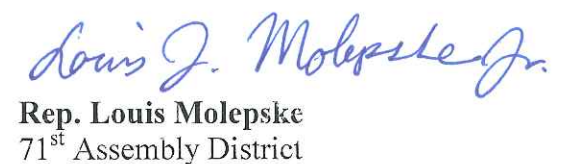


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