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REP. WITTKÉ STATEMENT ON DWD UNEMPLOYMENT AUDIT

Assembly Republicans Urging Immediate Changes

Madison – Rep. Robert Wittke (R-Racine) statement on recent Legislative Audit Bureau report on the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) handling of Unemployment Insurance processing of claims.

“For months now my staff and I have worked with residents of the 62nd Assembly District who needed unemployment benefits (UI). Recently released audit of DWD confirms the DWD is mostly to blame for poorly managed UI cases, and the Administration failed to act timely to address the UI onslaught caused by the state shut down.

The processing of claims by the DWD must improve. I realize the volume of people applying for UI brought on by the pandemic posed some significant challenges, however the response is unacceptable. The result has been catastrophic for individuals and families across the 62nd and our state.

My staff and I will continue to assist residents from the 62nd with their unemployment related issues.”

The Joint Legislative Committee on Audit held a hearing to review recent audits of DWD. You can watch the committee proceedings on Wisconsin Eye. www.wiseye.org

Assembly Republicans propose [legislation](#) to require the elimination of the backlog within 30 days, an increase in call center hours to 12 hours per day, 7 days per week, and a reduction of the salaries of DWD bureaucrats if these issues don't get resolved.

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The 62nd Assembly District includes a portion of the City of Racine, the Villages of Caledonia, North Bay, Raymond, Wind Point, and the Town of Norway.

Learn more about Rep. Bob Wittke at: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/62/Wittke>