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## **Rep. Paul Tittl Supports Workforce Recovery Legislation in Veto Override Attempt**

**Madison**...Representative Paul Tittl (R-Manitowoc) voted to override Governor Evers' veto of the [bill](#) that ended Wisconsin's enhanced unemployment payments and push unemployed individuals to return to work as businesses and employees struggle through a worker shortage.

"Governor Evers made a mistake in vetoing this common sense bill," said Rep. Tittl. "It is essential we continue to fight for employers, who are begging for us to address the labor crisis and eliminate the bonus."

The American Rescue Plan, the federal pandemic aid bill, increased unemployment payments by \$300 each week; the continuation has increased the workforce shortage among all sectors. I have received calls and emails from business owners crying for help in the: light industry, technical services, manufacturing, hospitality, foundry, casting, skilled trades, office/clerical, professional fields, and many other types of businesses.

The bill would end Wisconsin's participation in the following federal programs:

- Pandemic unemployment assistance (PUA) program
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment compensation (PEUC) program
- Federal pandemic unemployment compensation (FPUC) program
- Mixed earner unemployment compensation (MEUC) program

"26 other states have removed the federal UI benefits and have already seen a decrease in unemployment and an increase in people going back to work," Rep. Tittl said. "Democrats won't acknowledge that this is hurting all Wisconsinites, and it's important we protect our small businesses and the employees who are working overtime as businesses are struggling to stay open." "You aren't paying attention if you don't notice the endless signs advertising job openings, sign-on bonuses, and flexible hours," said Rep. Tittl.

The bill also reinstated the work search requirements for individuals who file for Unemployment Insurance to be eligible to collect benefits. Governor Evers and the Department of Workforce Development waived that requirement through Emergency Rule 2106. The Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules (JCRAR) later reinstated the work search requirements on 5/19/2021.

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*The 25th Assembly District includes portions of Manitowoc and Calumet counties.*