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March 1, 2019

The Honorable Patrick E. Fuller  
Chief Clerk of the Wisconsin Assembly  
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Dear Mr. Fuller:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 109.12(2) and (3), I hereby submit the Department of Workforce Development's (DWD's) annual report for 2016 regarding the administration and enforcement of Wis. Stat. §§ 109.07 and 109.075. The report contains three sections. Section A lists all notifications received by the DWD in 2017 of business closings and mass layoffs planned in Wisconsin. Section B lists employers against whom the DWD has received business closing or mass layoff notification complaints. Section C lists employers against whom the DWD has received healthcare cessation notification complaints. Sections B and C include the current status or outcome of each complaint.

**Business Closing or Mass Layoff Notification Cases:**

On January 1, 2018, the department had two (2) business closing or mass layoff cases remaining under investigation. In calendar year 2018, the department received four (4) new complaints. In three (3) of these, the department found no violation of the law; one (1) of the 2017 complaints and one (1) of the 2018 complaints remain under investigation at the time of this report.

Two cases previously referred for collection action by the Department of Justice remain pending in bankruptcy court in Delaware. Status updates are provided in the narrative on Attachment B.

**Health Care Plan Cessation Notification Cases:**

On January 1, 2018, the department had no health care cessation cases remaining under investigation. In calendar year 2018, the department received two (2) new complaints. In one (1) of these, the department found no violation of the law; one (1) complaint remains under investigation at the time of this report.

On January 1, 2018, the department had one (1) health care plan cessation notification case pending with the Department of Justice (DOJ). That case remains pending as part of ongoing bankruptcy litigation. A status update is provided.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Jim Chiolino, Director, Labor Standards Bureau, at (608) 266-3345.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Caleb Frostman".

Caleb Frostman  
Secretary

Attachments

**SECTION A**  
**Business Closing and Mass Layoff Notices for 2018**

	<b>Company</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Affected Workers</b>	<b>Notice Received</b>	<b>Notice Type</b>	<b>Layoff Begin Date</b>	<b>NAICS Description</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Workforce Development Area</b>
1	Younkers	Appleton	75	01/31/18	Facility Closure	04/01/18	Department Stores exc Discount	Outagamie	Bay Area
2	Younkers	Wausau	63	01/31/18	Facility Closure	04/01/18	Department Stores exc Discount	Marathon	North Central
3	Saputo Cheese USA, Inc.	Fond du Lac	120	01/30/18	Facility Closure	03/31/18	Cheese Mfg	Fond du Lac	Fox Valley
4	Saputo Cheese USA, Inc. - Revision 1	Fond du Lac	120	03/30/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	03/31/18	Cheese Mfg	Fond du Lac	Fox Valley
5	ACCO Brands	Pleasant Prairie	26	01/22/18	Facility Closure	03/23/18	Stationery Product Mfg	Kenosha	Southeast
6	Sam's Club	Madison	129	01/16/18	Facility Closure	03/16/18	Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters	Dane	South Central
7	Lake Country Foods, Inc.	Oconomowoc	91	01/12/18	Facility Closure	03/16/18	Dry Condensed & Evaporated Dairy Products	Waukesha	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington
8	Sam's Club	West Allis	165	01/11/18	Facility Closure	03/16/18	Warehouse Clubs and Supercenters	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
9	Sears Holdings	Brookfield	59	01/10/18	Workforce Reduction	03/18/18	Department Stores	Waukesha	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington

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10	Sears Holdings	Green Bay	43	01/10/18	Workforce Reduction	04/08/18	Department Stores	Brown	Bay Area
11	Cordstrap USA, Inc.	Sturtevant	36	02/26/18	Workforce Reduction	05/01/18	Rope Cordage & Twine Mills	Racine	Southeast
12	Uniek, Inc.	Waunakee	58	02/23/18	Workforce Reduction	04/30/18	All Other Plastics Product Mfg	Dane	South Central
13	Gannett Publishing Services	Appleton	137	02/13/18	Facility Closure	05/01/18	Commercial Gravure Printing	Outagamie	Bay Area
14	Gannett Publishing Services - Revision 1	Appleton	137	03/23/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	05/01/18	Commercial Gravure Printing	Outagamie	Bay Area
15	Gannett Publishing Services - Revision 2	Appleton	137	05/18/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	05/01/18	Commercial Gravure Printing	Outagamie	Bay Area
16	Gannett Publishing Services - Revision 3	Appleton	137	06/08/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	05/01/18	Commercial Gravure Printing	Outagamie	Bay Area
17	Mike Flint Enterprises, Inc. (dba Interim Healthcare of Wisconsin; dba Mallatt's Homecare Pharmacy)	Madison and Menomonee Falls	168	02/07/18	Facility Closure	04/01/18	Temporary Help Services, Other Direct Selling Estab	Dane and Waukesha	South Central and WOW

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18	Interim Healthcare of Wisconsin - Revision 1	Madison	98	05/29/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	08/01/18	Temporary Help Services	Dane	South Central
19	Compass Group	Hudson	3	02/01/18	Facility Closure	04/01/18	Janitorial Services	St. Croix	West Central
20	JC Penny	Wauwatosa	520	03/28/18	Facility Closure	06/02/18	Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
21	Hubbell Lighting, Inc.	Hudson	54	03/26/18	Facility Closure	05/25/18	Elect Equip & Wiring Merch Whls	St. Croix	West Central
22	Syverson Lutheran Home	Eau Claire	80	03/26/18	Facility Closure	03/26/18	Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing)	Eau Claire	West Central
23	Toys "R" Us, Inc.	Appleton, Brookfield, Green Bay, Madison, Onalaska, Milwaukee, Racine, and Janesville	326	03/15/18	Facility Closure	05/14/18	Hobby Toy & Game Stores	Brown, Dane, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Racine, Rock, and Waukesha	Bay Area, Milwaukee, South Central, Southeast, Southwest, Western, and WOW
24	Toys "R" Us, Inc. - Revision 1	Appleton, Brookfield, Green Bay, Madison, Onalaska, Milwaukee, Racine, and Janesville	326	05/30/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	06/16/18	Hobby Toy & Game Stores	Brown, Dane, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Racine, Rock, and Waukesha	Bay Area, Milwaukee, South Central, Southeast, Southwest, Western, and WOW

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25	ALKAR-RapidPak, Inc.	Lodi	30	03/08/18	Workforce Reduction	03/08/18	Food Product Machinery Mfg	Columbia	South Central
26	Foremost Farms USA	Rothschild	110	03/05/18	Facility Closure	05/07/18	Dry Condensed & Evaporated Dairy Products	Marathon	North Central
27	Care and Rehab - Dallas	Dallas	49	03/05/18	Facility Closure	05/01/18	Nursing Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing)	Barron	West Central
28	American Girl	Wilmot	185	04/19/18	Facility Closure	06/22/18	Doll and Stuffed Toy Mfg	Kenosha	Southeast
29	First Citizens Bank	Brown Deer and Glendale	100	04/09/18	Workforce Reduction	06/08/18	Commercial Banking	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
30	First Citizens Bank - Revision 1	Brown Deer and Glendale	100	05/02/18	Change to Number of Affected Workers	06/08/18	Commercial Banking	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
31	First Citizens Bank - Revision 2	Brown Deer and Glendale	111	06/08/18	Change to Number of Affected Workers	06/08/18	Commercial Banking	Milwaukee	Milwaukee

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32	Bon Ton Stores (Younkers, Boston Store, BonTon)	Brookfield, Eau Claire, Glendale, Greendale, Janesville, Madison, Marshfield, Milwaukee, Racine, Wauwatosa	2255	04/06/18	Facility Closure	06/05/18	Department Stores Managing Offices	Brown, Dane, Eau Claire, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Waukesha, Wood	Bay Area, Milwaukee, North Central, South Central, Southeast, Southwest, West Central, WOW
33	Sitel Group	Unknown	1	04/02/18	Workforce Reduction	03/30/18	All Other Business Support Services	Unknown	Unknown
34	BMO Harris Bradley Center	Milwaukee	651	05/24/18	Facility Closure	08/10/18	Other Spectator Sports	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
35	Western Industries, Inc.	Watertown	85	05/18/18	Facility Closure	07/16/18	Major Household Appliance Manufacturing	Jefferson	South Central
36	M.G. Design Associates Corporation	Pleasant Prairie	46	05/15/18	Facility Closure	05/09/18	Marketing Consulting Services	Kenosha	Southeast
37	Degen-Berglund Inc	La Crosse	30	05/09/18	Workforce Reduction	07/08/18	Home Health Equipment Rental	La Crosse	Western
38	Concentrix	Milwaukee	77	05/08/18	Workforce Reduction	07/06/18	Marketing Consulting Services	Milwaukee	Milwaukee

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39	GE Energy	Waukesha	236	06/29/18	Facility Closure	08/31/18	Other Engine Equip Mfg	Waukesha	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington
40	Cooper Power Systems	Waukesha	52	06/29/18	Workforce Reduction	09/07/18	Elect Power & Specialty Transformer Mfg	Waukesha	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington
41	Ariens Company	Janesville	141	06/19/18	Facility Closure	08/20/18	Lawn & Garden Equip Mfg	Rock	Southwest
42	Roche Nimblegen, Inc.	Madison	79	06/19/18	Facility Closure	12/31/18	Research & Dvlp in Biotech (except Nanobio)	Dane	South Central
43	Daniels of Janesville, LLC	Janesville	49	06/19/18	Facility Closure	08/15/18	Supermarkets & Other Grocery Stores	Rock	Southwest
44	DHL Supply Chain	Mequon	59	06/18/18	Facility Closure	08/10/18	General Freight Trucking Long Distance TL	Ozaukee	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington
45	Piggly Wiggly #24	Menasha	69	06/18/18	Facility Closure	08/18/18	Supermarkets and Other Grocery Stores	Winnebago	Fox Valley
46	Wells Fargo	Menomonee Falls	46	06/07/18	Facility Closure	10/01/18	Portfolio Management	Waukesha	Waukesha-Ozaukee-Washington
47	Schuman Cheese	Fall Creek	51	07/16/18	Workforce Reduction	07/12/18	Cheese Mfg	Eau Claire	West Central

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48	The Fresh Market, Inc.	Brookfield, Fox Point	102	07/10/18	Facility Closure	08/03/18	Supermarkets and Other Grocery Stores	Milwaukee, Waukesha	Milwaukee, WOW
49	Mayline (DBA Safco Products Co.)	Sheboygan	127	07/02/18	Facility Closure	09/04/18	Office Furn exc Wood Mfg	Sheboygan	Bay Area
50	Mayline (DBA Safco Products Co.) - Revision 1	Sheboygan	127	09/04/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	11/02/18	Office Furn exc Wood Mfg	Sheboygan	Bay Area
51	Mayline (DBA Safco Products Co.) - Revision 2	Sheboygan	127	10/01/18	Change to Layoff Schedule	09/04/18	Office Furn exc Wood Mfg	Sheboygan	Bay Area
52	P.F. Chang's	Middleton	36	08/31/18	Facility Closure	09/01/18	Full-service restaurants	Dane	South Central
53	ACCO Brands USA, LLC	Pleasant Prairie	54	08/28/18	Facility Closure	10/26/18	Office Supplies Merch Whls	Kenosha	Southeast
54	Com-Tec Security, LLC	Greenville	23	08/09/18	Facility Closure	07/31/18	Computer Systems Design Services	Outagamie	Bay Area
55	OneTouchPoint	Green Bay	30	08/08/18	Workforce Reduction	08/01/18	Commercial Gravure Printing	Brown	Bay Area



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56	Best Buy	Grafton	68	08/08/18	Facility Closure	11/03/18	Electronics Stores	Ozaukee	WOW
57	Midwest Senior Living	Appleton	54	08/06/18	Facility Closure	10/01/18	Managing Offices	Outagamie	Bay Area
58	West Corporation	Middleton	112	08/02/18	Workforce Reduction	08/31/18	Telemarketing & Other Contact Centers	Dane	South Central
59	West Corporation	Green Bay	36	08/02/18	Workforce Reduction	08/31/18	Telemarketing & Other Contact Centers	Brown	Bay Area
60	Silgan Containers	Plover	30	09/20/18	Workforce Reduction	11/24/18	Metal Can Mfg	Portage	North Central
61	Marshfield Clinic Health System	Marshfield	25	09/17/18	Workforce Reduction	08/16/18	HMO – Medical Centers	Wood	North Central
62	Midwest Senior Living	Thiensville	30	09/01/18	Facility Closure	11/01/18	Assisted Living Facilities for the Elderly	Ozaukee	WOW

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63	Target Corporation	Greenfield	138	10/30/18	Facility Closure	02/02/19	Department Stores	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
64	Sunlite Plastics, Inc.	Germantown	58	10/29/18	Workforce Reduction	10/29/18	Unlaminated Plastics Profile Shape Mfg	Washington	WOW
65	Milwaukee Athletic Club	Milwaukee	97	10/25/18	Facility Closure	12/27/18	Civic & Social Organizations	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
66	Bimbo Bakeries USA	Madison	159	10/23/18	Facility Closure	01/02/19	Commercial Bakeries	Dane	South Central
67	Black Horse Carriers, Inc.	Kenosha	107	10/19/18	Facility Closure	01/22/19	General Freight Trucking Long Distance TL	Kenosha	Southeast
68	Home Owners Bargain Outlet	Milwaukee, West Allis	104	10/17/18	Facility Closure	12/20/18	Home Centers	Milwaukee	Employ Milwaukee, Inc.
69	Southwire/Coleman Cable	Pleasant Prairie	65	10/05/18	Facility Closure	12/04/18	Whls Trade Agents & Brokers	Kenosha	Southeast

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70	Hi-Crush	Whitehall	37	10/02/18	Workforce Reduction	09/28/18	Description: Ind Sand Mining	Trempealeau	Western
71	GE Global Operations	Wauwatosa	63	11/26/18	Workforce Reduction	01/12/19	Electromedical Apparatus Mfg	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
72	Kmart Corporation	Cudahy	75	11/13/18	Facility Closure	01/31/19	Department Stores	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
73	Intercontinental Milwaukee	Milwaukee	115	11/09/18	Facility Closure	01/08/19	Hotels & Motels exc Casino Hotels	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
74	Beechworth Windows	Ladysmith	80	11/08/18	Facility Closure	01/07/19	All Other Plastics Product Mfg	Rusk	Northwest
75	Prinsco	Appleton	33	12/05/18	Facility Closure	02/04/19	Plastics Pipe & Pipe Fitting Mfg	Outagamie	Bay Area

## Section B

### Annual Business Closing and Mass Layoff Report for Calendar Year 2018

Business Name & Case Number	Location	Date Received	Date of Initial Determination	Decision	Current Status of Case
Golden Guernsey LS201300040	Waukesha	01/08/13	11/13/13	Violation	Final Determination issued 12/30/13, also finding a violation. Referred to the Department of Justice for collection on that date. Case remains pending in Bankruptcy Court in Delaware. We understand that the Trustee is still collecting assets from which to pay claims and that when that process is complete, the Wisconsin claim will be evaluated. Still pending in Delaware Bankruptcy Court as of January 2018.  <b>2018 Update:</b> The Ch. 7 Trustee is proceeding with arbitration on its adversary claims against BDO USA.
Strategic Fundraising Inc. LS201501141	Oshkosh	07/07/15	07/08/16	Violation	Initial Determination became final when no appeal was received during the appeal period. This case is pending in Bankruptcy Court in Delaware. The Trustee is still pursuing collection as of January 2018.  <b>2018 Update:</b> The Ch. 7 Trustee recently settled its last two avoidance actions to bring additional money into the estate. There remains a class-action lawsuit filed against the debtor under the WARN Act (the federal version of our claims).
Rescare Worforce Service LS201701931	Milwaukee	10/26/17	05/01/18	No Violation	Closed
Gordy's Eau Claire West, Inc. LS201701940	Eau Claire	10/30/17			Remains under investigation. Stores reopened under new management. Some were rehired with less than a 6-month break in employment.
Flambeau River Papers LS201800059	Park Falls	01/11/18	03/30/18	No Violation	Closed
MG Design & Associates Corp LS201800912	Pleasant Prairie	05/25/18	09/10/18	No Violation	Closed
Hutchinson Technology LS201801500	Eau Claire	09/10/18	01/15/19	No Violation	Closed

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Johnson Controls LS201801927	Milwaukee	12/03/18			Remains under investigation.
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**SECTION C**  
**Annual Health Care Plan Cessation Report for Calendar Year 2018**

Business Name & Case Number	Location	Date Received	Date of Initial Determination	Decision	Current Status of Case
Outboard Marine Corp LS200100951	Delavan and Beloit	03/15/01	04/10/02	Violation	<p>Case remains pending in United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. We understand it remains open pending final liquidation of two European bankruptcies, OMC France and OMC Europe. This is expected in June 2015. Projected closing of American bankruptcy is September 2015. On December 16, 2015, the Court set a status hearing for June 2016. Still pending the outcome of this case and French bankruptcy case.</p> <p><b>2016 Update:</b> Liquidation process continues. On Dec 14, 2016, the US Bankruptcy Court set a new status update for September 20, 2017.</p> <p><b>2017 Update:</b> The Trustee has \$1.7 million on hand and is still awaiting further distribution from French insolvency proceedings. No distribution will occur before that matter has been resolved.</p> <p><b>2018 Update:</b> there were hearings set re: the European proceedings, but those were continued to June 2019. No update.</p>
Echo Bridge Home Entertainment LS201801370	La Crosse	08/20/18	08/28/18	No Jurisdiction	Closed. Not enough employees in Wisconsin for the law to apply.
Atrium Health LS201801623	Appleton	10/05/18			Under investigation