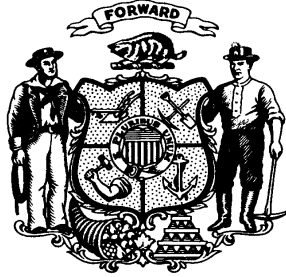


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Mr. Hal Bergan
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Dear Mr. Bergan:

On behalf of the Special Committee on Disaster Preparedness Planning, I am writing to transmit to the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) a follow-up request made by the committee at its February 14th meeting. You responded to the committee's previous request regarding legislative proposals to expand the federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance Program (DUA) by noting that no legislative proposals to amend DUA have been considered since September 11, 2001.

The committee requests that DWD continue discussion about DUA and income continuation during disasters with my standing committee, the Assembly Committee on Homeland Security and State Preparedness. As part of this discussion, DWD should be prepared to describe any potential changes to DUA and to outline policy options that the Legislature might consider regarding income continuation during disasters.

Please contact my office at 266-8077 to arrange a time to meet with me and discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Representative Joan Ballweg, Chair
Special Committee on Disaster Preparedness Planning

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cc: Daniel LaRocque