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Dear Ms. Inabnet:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 109.12(2) and (3), I hereby submit the Department of Workforce Development's (DWD's) annual report for 2020 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 2020 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, 2020, the department had 6 business closing or mass layoff cases remaining under investigation. In calendar year 2020, the department received 9 new complaints. In five (5) of these, the department found no violation of the law.

One case 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, 2020, the department had 2 health care cessation cases remaining under investigation. In calendar year 2020, the department received two (2) new complaints; the department found no violation of the law in these cases.

On January 1, 2020, 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 Matthew White, Director, Bureau of Investigations, at (608) 261-7685.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy Pechacek".

Amy Pechacek
Secretary

Attachments