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Dear Mr. Blazel:

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 109.12(2) and (3), I hereby submit the Department of Workforce Development's (DWD's) annual report for 2021 regarding the administration and enforcement of Wis. Stat. §§ 109.07 and 109.075. The attached report contains three sections. Section A lists all notifications received by the DWD in 2021 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, 2021, the department had **two (2)** business closing or mass layoff cases remaining under investigation. In calendar year 2021, the department received **two (2)** new complaints. The department found no violation of the law after completing investigations for three of the complaints. One case remains under investigation.

One case previously referred for collection action by the Department of Justice remains pending in bankruptcy court in Delaware. Three cases referred for collection action to the Department of Justice are pending in Minnesota receivership. Status updates are provided in the narrative in Section B.

## **Health Care Plan Cessation Notification Cases:**

On January 1, 2021, the department had **one (1)** health care cessation cases remaining under investigation. In calendar year 2021, the department received **one (1)** new complaint; the department found no violation of the law in the new case.

On January 1, 2021, 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 in Section C.

If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Matthew White, Director, Bureau of Investigations, at (608) 405-4588.

Sincerely,

Amy Pechacek Secretary-designee

Attachment

2021 Notices Filed

1/25/2021 1/20/2021 1/21/2021 1/21/2021 1/25/2021 3/23/2021		City Spooner Spooner Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee	Affected Workers 70 0 61 23 80 190 181	Notice Type CL RN WR CL	Layoff Begin Date 2/24/2021 3/20/2021 3/13/2021	NAICS Description Ammunition exc Small Arms Mfg Ammunition exc Small Arms Mfg Hardware Mfg	County Washburn Washburn Milwaukee	Workforce Development Area Northwest Northwest Milwaukee
1/13/2021 1/25/2021 1/20/2021 1/21/2021 1/21/2021 1/25/2021 3/23/2021	Stressu Laboratory Inc Stressu Laboratory Inc The Master Lock Company Durham School Services Ryder Integrated Logistics Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 2	Spooner  Spooner  Milwaukee  Milwaukee  Milwaukee  Milwaukee  Milwaukee	70 0 61 23 80	CL RN WR CL	2/24/2021 3/20/2021	Ammunition exc Small Arms Mfg Ammunition exc Small Arms Mfg Hardware Mfg	Washburn	Northwest Northwest
1/20/2021 1/21/2021 1/21/2021 1/25/2021 3/23/2021	The Master Lock Company Durham School Services  Ryder integrated Logistics Conagra Brands, Inc. Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revsion 2	Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee	61 23 80 190	WR CL WR		Ammunition exc Small Arms Mfg Hardware Mfg		
1/21/2021 1/21/2021 1/25/2021 3/23/2021	Company Durham School Services Ryder Integrated Logistics Conagra Brands, Inc. Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 2	Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee	23 80 190	CL WR		Hardware Mfg	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
1/21/2021 1/21/2021 1/25/2021 3/23/2021	Durham School Services Ryder Integrated Logistics Conagra Brands, Inc. Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 2	Milwaukee Milwaukee Milwaukee	80 190	WR	3/13/2021			
1/25/2021 3/23/2021	Logistics Conagra Brands, Inc. Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revsion 2	Milwaukee Milwaukee	190			School & Employee Bus Trans	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
1/25/2021 3/23/2021	Conagra Brands, Inc. Conagra Brands, Inc. Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revsion 2	Milwaukee			3/31/2021	Packing & Crating	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
3/23/2021	Revision 1 Conagra Brands, Inc. Revsion 2		191	CL	4/2/2021	Other Grocery Product Mech Whis	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
	Revsion 2	Milwaukee	101	LS, AW	8/27/2021	Other Grocery Product Mech Whis	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
	Air Wisconsin Airlines		153	LS, AW	1/21/2022	Other Grocery Product Mech Whis	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
1/28/2021		Milwaukee	140	WR	4/1/2021	Other Support Activities for Air Trans	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
1/29/2021	Stock and Filed	Portage	39	CL	3/31/2021	Department Stores	Columbia	South Central
	Turnkey Processing Solutions/WP Operations LLC - Revision 1	Hixton	45	LS	2/28/2021	Contruction Sand & Gravel Mining	Jackson	Western
1/8/2021	Southwest Airlines - Revision 2	Milwaukee	0	RN		Scheduled Passenger Air Trans	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
	Wisconsin Physicians Services Insurance Corporation	Rothschild, Monona	128	WR	5/3/2021	Direct Health & Medical Insurance Carriers	Dane, Marathon	South Central, North Central
2/1/2021	Nova Wildcat Shur-Line LLC - Revision 8	St. Francis	14	LS, AW	2/12/2021	Broom Brush & Mop Mfg	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
2/26/2021	Turnkey Processing Solutions/WP Operations LLC -	Hixton	34	LS, AW	3/31/2021	Contraction Sand & Gravel Mining	Jackson	Western
3/16/2021	Revision 2 Neillsville Care and	Neillsville	40	CL	3/16/2021	Nursing Care	Clark	West Central
3/18/2021	Rehab Wisconsin Central School Bus	New Richmond	48	CL	3/18/2021	Facilites School & Employee Bus Trans	St. Croix	West Central
	Wisonsin Central School Bus - Revision 1	New Richmond	48	LS	6/4/2021	School & Employee Bus Trans	Saint Croix	West Central
	Dairyland Power Cooperative	Genoa	63	CL	6/1/2021	Fossil Fuel Elect Power Generation	Vernon	Western
	Services, Inc.	Milwaukee	22	WR	5/30/2021	Family Clothing Stores	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
	Nova Wildcat Shur-Line LLC - Revision 9		4	LS, AW	3/3/2021	Broom Brush & Mop Mfg	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
	Marquis Yachts - Revision 3	Pulaski	77	AW, LS	5/7/2021	Boat Bldg	Brown	Southwest
4/6/2021	Deluxe Corportation  Cargill Cocoa and Chocolate, Inc.	Wausau Milwaukee	43 80	CL WR	6/30/2021 6/5/2021	Printing & Writing Paper Merch Whls Chocolate & Confectionery Mfg from Caran Bean	Marathon Milwaukee	North Central Milwaukee
5/12/2021	Nestle USA, Inc.	Burlington	34	WR	7/23/2021	Confectionery	Racine	Southeast
	Durr Universal	Muscoda	87	WR	8/31/2021	Merch Whis Misc General Purpose Machinery	Grant	Southwest
	Durr Universal -	Muscoda	88	AW	8/31/2021	Mfg Misc General	Grant	Southwest
	Revision 1 Calibre, Inc.	Grafton,	204	CL	12/31/2021	Purpose Machinery Mfg Metal Coating &	Ozaukee	wow
		Saukville				Nonprecious Engraving		
6/2/2021	Hufcor Inc.	Janesville	166	WR	8/3/2021	Showcases Partitions Shelving & Lockers	Rock	Southwest
6/2/2021	Clearwater Paper	Neenah	285	CL	7/2/2021	Paper exc Newsprint Mills	Winnebago	Fox Valley
6/15/2021	Malteurop North America Inc.	Milwaukee	28	WR	8/15/2021	Malt Mfg	Milwaukee	Milwaukee
6/29/2021	Create-Ability, Inc.	Madison	61	CT	8/31/2021	Residential Intellectual and Developmental Disability Facilities	Dane	South Central
	Mondi Akrosil LLC - Revision 1	Pleasant Prairie	108	AW	2/1/2021	Paper Bag & Coated & Treated Paper	Kenosha	Southeast
7/16/2021	Neenah, Inc.	Appleton	94	CL	9/15/2021	Paper exc	Outagamie	Bay Area
	Tyson Foods, operating as LD Foods/Keystone Foods	Jefferson	62	CL	10/10/2021	Newsprint Mills Seafood Product Preparation & Packaging	Jefferson	South Central
9/9/2021	Eaton Corporation	Watertown	56	CL	11/8/2021	Relay & Ind Control Mfg	Jefferson	South Central
		Menonomee Fall	51	CL	12/10/2021	Food Product	Waukesha	wow
9/30/2021	LLC Guardian Fabrication, LLC	Sun Prairie	82	СГ	12/17/2021	Machinery Mfg Glass Product Mfg Made of Purchased Glass	Dane	South Central
10/4/2021 11/22/2021	Valero Services Inc. TMD Wisconsin LLC	Johnson Creek Beloit	61 27	WR WR	10/15/2021 1/23/2021	Ethyl Alcohol Mfg Motor Vechicle Seating & Interior	Jefferson Rock	South Central Southwest
11/29/2021	First Transit	Racine	81	CL	1/31/2021	Trim Mfg Bus & Other Motor Vechicle Transit	Racine	Southeast
	Waupaca Elevator Co Inc	Appleton	60	WR	2/28/2021	Systems Private Households	Outagamie	Bay Area

Business Name & Case Number	Location	Date Filed	Date of Initial Determination	Decision	Current Status of Case
					Initial determination became final when no appeal was received during the appeal period. The case is pending in Bankruptcy Court in Delaware. The Trustee is still pursuing collection.
					2018 update: The Ch. 7 Trustee 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 federal WARN Act.
					2019 Update: The trustee is still litigating the WARN Act adversary proceeding. It has settled all other adversary proceedings and received all settlement monies.
Strategic Fundraising, Inc. LS201501141	Oshkosh	7/7/2015	7/8/2016	Violation	2021 Update: There is currently a motion to sell assets before the court.
Lakeview Motor Express (Greenfield) LS201901032					Referred to Department of Justice for Collection on May 1, 2020. Company is in receivership in MN.
Lakeview Motor Express (Janesville) LS201901301	Greenfield	07/22/2019	4/27/2020	Violation	2021 update: this company remains in receivership. We are waiting for sale of assets.
					Referred to Department of Justice for Collection on April 28, 2020. Company is in receivership in MN.
Lakeview Motor Express (Appleton) LS201901303	Janesville	07/22/2019	4/27/2020	Violation	2021 update: this company remains in receivership. We are waiting for sale of assets.
					Referred to Department of Justice for Collection on April 28, 2020. Company is in receivership in MN.
H&H Group Holdings, Inc LS202000094	Appleton	07/22/2019	4/27/2020	Violation	2021 update: This company remains in receivership. We are waiting for sale of assets.  Referred to Department of Justice for Collection on April 21, 2020. DOJ recovered \$3,000 per employee; payouts will be
	Dane	1/21/2020	4/20/2020	Violation	completed by March, 2021.  Employee payouts completed. Closed.
					Referred to Department of Justice for Collection on December 7, 2020. On February 1, 2021, DOJ filed a collection action.
Semling Menke Company, Inc. (SEMCO) LS202000205	Lincoln	2/5/2020	5/1/2020	Violation	In December, 2021 ERD mailed final payments to all parties. Closed.
MKE Downtown Ventures d/b/a Doubletree Hilton					
LS202000916 Advanced Pain Management, S.C.	Milwaukee 8/27/2		5/12/2021 No violation.		No violation found. Closed.
LS202001055 American Girl Brands,	Milwaukee	10/12/2020	9/24/2021 N	lo violation.	No violation found. Closed.
LLLC	Dane	3/17/2021			Still under investigation.
Kuryakyn Holdings LLC	St. Croix	10/7/2021	1/26/2022 N	lo violation.	No violation found. Closed.

Business Name & Case Number			Date of Initial  Determination Decision		Current Status of Case	
					`Case remains pending in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. We understand that it remains open pending final liquidiation 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 the French Bankruptcy case.	
					<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 the matter has been resolved.	
					<b>2020 Update:</b> The trustee is preparing the final tax returns and when that is filed, and a response is received from the IRS, the trustee will submit a final report. The projected date for the final report was November 6, 2020.	
`Outboard Marine Corp LS200100951	Delavan and Beloit	3/15/2001	4/10/2002	Violation	<b>2021 Update:</b> The Trustee is wrapping up adversary matters and filing the final accounts for each asset case.	
Target Corporation d/b/a Target Distribution Center	Waukesha	10/25/2021	11/3/2021	No violation.	No violation found. Closed.	