

Minnesota House of Representatives

February 2, 2016

Kurt Daudt Speaker of the House 463 State Office Building St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Daudt:

We are extremely disappointed that you have stalled negotiations, blocking a special session to provide unemployment benefits to hundreds of Minnesota workers who are desperate for their leaders to act. In your latest proposal you are instead focused on holding hostage 40 million dollars in benefits that these workers need for a deal to provide 270 million dollars in corporate welfare.

Every day, we see anguish in the faces of workers who want nothing more than to provide a good life for themselves and their families. If you could see those faces and have those conversations, we have no doubt you would take action to provide relief to Minnesotans who are in need.

If you don't feel that this crisis is worthy of a special session, it clearly merits immediate action once session starts in 34 days. I hope you and your caucus agree to suspend the rules to pass extended unemployment benefit legislation on the first day of session without any strings attached.

Each day that our constituents hear your political spin in St. Paul they lose more patience and more time. Please quit stringing them along and take action to help our constituents and our state.

Sincerely,

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Rob Ecklund State Representative

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