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Chairman Steve Johnson
House Oversight Committee
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Cc: Members of the House Oversight Committee

Dear Chairman Johnson:

On behalf Americans for Prosperity-Michigan's grassroots activists from metro Detroit to Iron Mountain, I encourage you to diligently follow up to ensure Michigan's unemployment work search requirement is fully implemented to the greatest extent possible, as soon as possible.

Over the past fourteen months, Michiganders and the businesses that employ them have grappled with unprecedented barriers in their day-to-day lives and operations. A year ago unemployment claim numbers outpaced historical records by leaps and bounds daily. Against all odds, Michigan has come back from those extraordinary circumstances and today the unemployment rate stands at just 5.1%. It's a statistic to be proud of, but one that proves we cannot afford to be complacent about the future.

We are already hearing from small businesses who cannot find workers and we have a long way to go as our economy comes back online. Engaging in meaningful work is a foundation upon which every Michigander can build a life, contribute to their community, and reach their personal potential. In the process, they act as a backbone for the businesses that power our economy and drive us ahead.

As we regain a sense of normalcy and chart a path out of this pandemic it is imperative that the state act not as a further barrier to progress, but instead makes room for the innovation and opportunity that can set us up for growth and recovery.

Sincerely,

Annie Patnaude
State Director
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