



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

March 4th, 2021

The Honorable Bob Casey Jr.
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Pat Toomey
United States Senate
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Casey and Senator Toomey,

Thank you for your continued support of the citizens of Pennsylvania during this time of uncertainty and deep struggle.

Many individuals in our state have been able to survive a year of pandemic related job loss due to the relief provided by the Federal Cares Act. Unemployment benefits through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) and the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) programs have provided critical support to gig workers, 1099 contractors, the self-employed and many more.

The extension of these benefits is paramount to the continued survival of many people as our employment outlook begins to recover. It is very important to note that any interruption of the Cares Act funding, such as the few weeks lag time in January, results in unnecessary hardship on an already struggling population. The U.S. Department of Labor requires time to provide guidelines to states and unemployment offices in order to implement these benefit programs once they are approved.

As the current benefit period will end March 14, we urgently need our Senators to consider legislation which renews these programs in an expedient manner. Delays due to an impasse or lack of compromise will have devastating results for Pennsylvanians. As elected officials, we are tasked with advocating for the needs of our constituents and I urge you to consider their plight when deliberating this legislation.

Thank you again for all you do. Please know that we stand ready to assist you and share the same goals in assisting our mutual constituency.

Respectfully,

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Christina Sappey
PA State Representative
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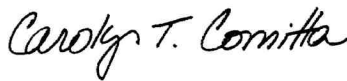
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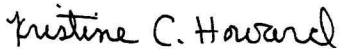
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