

I support the bill regarding the foodservice unemployment . We are not allowed to claim unemployment during the summer months that we aren't working. Our wages are some of the lowest paid in the school system. My co workers would benefit greatly if this was put in place.

As for the OED, and how they operate, I am totally in shock as to how I have been treated since the beginning of the Covid 19 shut down. I work a second job, year round, banquet service. In May we were signed up for Workshare, I was already claiming my unemployment for my second job, and receiving benefits. Workshare cancelled my pin, received from OED, I did not receive any money from Workshare, but with no pin from either program, not being able to contact anyone at Workshare or OED, I have been unable to file any claims since mid June. I have sent letters, faxes, made calls, called Cedric Hayden, Peter Defazio. I have replied to every form I have received. I have received two checks for August, but nothing for June, July, part of August, and every month since then. This has been such a financial burden on me. I rely on the second income, and have been working very little since August. I have been told that my claim is being adjudicated, I am so frustrated by no contact with anyone at OED. I returned forms for seven wks of claims on Dec. 29, 2020, no contact whatsoever. I am amazed at how this system operates. Yes, I would like all foodservice workers to be able to claim benefits, but my situation has been terrible. My co workers would not like to have my situation.

Thank you, Tracey Peterson,  
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