

June 22, 2009



Dear Advisory ^{Council} Committee,

After a worker has to leave a job for a temporary family medical crisis, a broken leg for example, once the crisis ended and the worker is ready to go back to work and looking for a job, we believe the worker should then be eligible for unemployment insurance (UI) benefits.

In addition, if a worker is unemployed due to a move in order to keep the family together, we believe this happens rarely enough that it should not be difficult to allow UI benefits in this circumstance also.

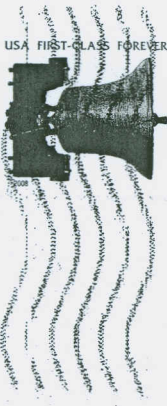
Our state's concern for employers who might have to contribute more to the unemployment fund should be coupled with a priority concern for the state's workers. The steps indicated by the federal government to qualify the state for the additional federal funding would certainly be most helpful to our workers, not just employers. These are steps we have been supporting even without the carrot of federal funds.

When workers are able to provide for their families, children fare better and everyone benefits.

We hope you will recommend the changes in unemployment rules that will make the additional federal funds available to South Dakota.

Sincerely,

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