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Michael A. Rulli
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Chairman Carlton K. Ingram,

I appreciate you reaching out to me concerning the wonderful members at the Operating Engineers Local #66. Please find the attached responses my office received from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services:

- 1.) Has the waiting period to receive unemployment benefits been waived?
Yes, the waiting week is currently waived.
- 2.) How long will unemployment benefits be paid out through the state?
The state unemployment system will continue operation indefinitely. Specific to a single case, individuals have up to 26 weeks of initial eligibility. The CARES Act allows those beyond 26 weeks to apply for an additional 13 weeks of unemployment.
- 3.) Do I need to apply separately for the \$600 federal payment for the unemployment compensation laid out from the CARES Act?
No, the additional \$600 is tied to eligibility for either traditional UI of the new PUA program.
- 4.) Is the new \$600 weekly federal benefit subject to state or federal income taxes?
An individual can elect to have taxes withheld from the payment; regardless, the individual will receive a 1099 for this tax year.
- 5.) When will the weekly \$600 federal payment be sent out?
Weekly \$600 payments are currently being issued.
- 6.) Will the \$600 federal payment be paid retroactively to those that have been collecting unemployment compensation since the passage of the bill? When will that date of retroactivity start?
Yes, the \$600 will be retroactive and will begin the date that the constituent first becomes eligible under the terms of the CARES Act.

Should you or any anyone else have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Rulli".

Michael A. Rulli
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