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Record layoffs during pandemic is revealing challenges within the Wisconsin unemployment system that must be fixed.

MADISON - On Thursday, Legislative Democrats introduced a package of bills aimed at removing hurdles and expediting the Unemployment Insurance process for Wisconsinites. Since March, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has witnessed an unprecedented number of unemployment claims due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The legislation introduced Thursday would eliminate hurdles people are facing in receiving their UI benefits. Over the past eight years, Republican majorities enacted unnecessary barriers regarding UI that are slowing down the process during the current crisis.

Senate Democratic leader Senator **Janet Bewley** (D-Mason) released the following statement:

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