

Braley: 13,000 Iowans are Waiting for the House to Act on Unemployment Insurance

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Washington, D.C. – Rep. Bruce Braley (IA-01) released the following statement today after the United States Senate’s successful passage of an emergency extension of unemployment benefits, restoring benefits that expired at the end of December. This is the Senate’s second successful attempt to pass a bipartisan compromise.

"No one in Congress is wondering how they’re going to make ends meet during a job search in a tough economy, but 13,000 Iowans—many of whom are struggling to get by—live that reality every day," Braley said. "This lifeline was suddenly cut short three months ago, and it’s past time we did something to restore it."

An emergency extension of unemployment benefits expired at the end of last year, affecting over 13,000 Iowa families. The Senate has passed two separate bipartisan compromises for a short-term extension of those benefits, but neither has been brought up for a vote in the U.S. House.

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