Subject: You May be Eligible for Extended Unemployment Benefits

Dear Ohioan,

New federal legislation created the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program, which provides up to 13 weeks of additional benefits for Ohioans who exhaust their maximum weeks of regular unemployment benefits. Through July 25, those eligible for PEUC benefits also will receive the $600/week supplemental benefit, known as Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (PUC).

To be eligible:

* You must be currently unemployed.

**AND**

* You must have exhausted or expired your claim. “Exhausted” means you have filed a claim in the last 12 months, but all of the benefits have been paid out, and you are not yet eligible for a new claim. “Expired” means you filed your claim over 12 months ago.
 **AND**
* You must have filed a claim for regular unemployment benefits on or after July 8, 2018.
 **AND**
* You must not be eligible for any other types of unemployment benefits.

Our records indicate that you may have exhausted your unemployment claim and you may be potentially eligible for up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits. However, we need more information from you to make that determination.

**What do you need to do?**

To apply for these additional weeks of benefits, you can:

* Log into your account at [unemployment.ohio.gov](https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/employee/) anytime, 24/7. You will see a link on the main menu that says, “Information about Federal Extended Benefits.” Click this link to get more information and to apply.

**OR**

* File by phone at 1-877-644-6562, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays. If you call, please be sure to have paper and a pencil ready.

**What happens next?**

Please allow up to 4 weeks for your application to be processed and eligibility to be determined. If, after 4 weeks, you have not received a response, contact the ODJFS office identified on this notice to check on the status of your claim. If you are eligible, you will receive any retroactive benefits you are entitled to.

NOTE: Extended unemployment benefits will reduce the benefits otherwise payable to individuals who are receiving basic Trade Readjustment Allowances.

**Important Note**

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is an additional program available for people who are not typically eligible for regular unemployment benefits. This includes individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits. If you have already exhausted regular unemployment benefits, you must **first exhaust your PEUC benefits** before you can qualify for PUA. For more information about the PUA program, visit <https://unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov/expandedeligibility/>.