

Governor Pritzker Tells Illinois House Democrats Unemployment Claimants Will Not Be Moved to Front of the Line

Governor Pritzker's press secretary Jordan Abudayyeh said in response that the administration is committed to working with the General Assembly, but she also claimed “multiple” staff members from IDES and the Governor's office are already “working as liaisons between the General Assembly and the agency to answer their questions,” adding, “We have implemented every solution at our disposal to provide immediate relief and are more than willing to implement any ideas from the General Assembly.”

But then came Abudayyeh's rejection: “What we will not do is take the 60 to 90 claims General Assembly members call on behalf of each week, and move those claimants to the front of the line ahead of the tens of thousands of claims the department is working to address. The agency cannot pull staff away from processing claims in the system to prioritize claims from legislators.”

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