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## House Republican Leader Statement on Unmet Needs of Unemployed Oregonians

Salem, ORE. – House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) released the following statement on the Oregon Employment Department's inability to process unemployment claims, leaving thousands of Oregonians in a dire financial situation:

"We are past the time for excuses and business as usual. The Oregon Employment Department must acknowledge the urgent human suffering that is happening across the state and respond not simply with empathy, but with action. Leadership and decision-making, both past and present, at the agency and in the executive branch have failed OED staff and the thousands of Oregonians who desperately need relief.

Our single income households and families living month to month cannot afford to wait any longer. The system is failing them.

I am out of patience and our vulnerable Oregonians are out of money."

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