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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Secretary Walsh,

This letter serves as written notice that the State of Maryland will end its participation in the unemployment insurance programs listed below, effective at 11:59 pm on July 3, 2021.

Section XI of the “Agreement Implementing the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus” (the “Agreement”) signed by the Maryland Department of Labor on March 28, 2020, provides, in pertinent part:

“This Agreement with respect to any of the provisions identified in paragraph XIV may be terminated by either party on thirty days' written notice.”

This letter serves to provide the U.S. Department of Labor with the requisite thirty days' termination notice as required by Section XI and 15 U.S.C. §§ 9023(a), 9025(a)(1). Accordingly, Maryland will opt out of the following programs authorized by the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (P.L. 116-136), effective on the date set forth above:

- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) (Addendum No. 2 of the Agreement)
- Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) (Addendum No. 5 of the Agreement)
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) (Addendum No. 4 of the Agreement)
- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) (Addendum No. 1 of the Agreement)

At this time, Maryland has elected to remain in the following federal unemployment programs:


- Temporary Full Federal Funding of the First Week of Compensable Regular Unemployment For States With No Waiting Week (Addendum No. 3 of the Agreement)
- Emergency Unemployment Relief for Government Entities and Nonprofits (Section 2103)
- Federal Reimbursement of Short-Time Compensation (Section 2108)

Thanks to Marylanders' resilience and tenacity, our state has seen a dramatic drop in COVID-19 cases, and we have reached the milestone set by President Biden of vaccinating 70% of adults. Businesses large and small across our state are reopening and hiring workers, but many are facing severe worker shortages. While we have experienced 12 straight months of job growth in our state, we will not truly recover until our workforce is fully participating in the economy.

Our administration, in partnership with your agency, will continue working with Marylanders who need reskilling and retraining to reach the next stages of their careers. The comprehensive resources available to our customers through a great variety of training and apprenticeship programs will continue to serve the needs of both Maryland's businesses and jobseekers.

I look forward to working with you and USDOL in the future to advance our common goal of helping workers find the path they need to succeed.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan  
Governor