



## ILLINOIS HOUSE REPUBLICANS

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Governor JB Pritzker  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker,

On Saturday, May 16, 2020, State Rep. Terri Bryant submitted a letter to your office asking for answers to several questions in regard to a possible massive data breach involving the personal information of tens of thousands of Illinoisans on the Illinois Department of Employment Security's PUA web portal.

To refresh your memory, last Friday May 15, Representative Bryant received a panicked phone call from a constituent that lives in Mt. Vernon. While trying to file for unemployment benefits under the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program, the constituent came across a web page on the IDES website that contained the personal information of thousands of people that had applied for unemployment.

Upon learning of this potential security issue, Rep. Bryant immediately notified two members of your staff, and high ranking staff members of the Republican caucus of the problem. It is our understanding that the Acting Director of IDES also reached out to the constituent directly. We are relieved to know that someone at the Department acted quickly to resolve the problem and that the administration has since admitted that a data breach occurred.

However, Representative Bryant had further questions that she asked in her May 16 letter to your office. We, the undersigned members of the House Republican caucus are also demanding answers and explanations to the following questions.

1. How long was the personal information of unemployment applicants available for other applicants to see?
2. Has the problem been fully resolved? Is there any possibility that thousands of Illinoisans that have applied for unemployment assistance through the IDES website have had their identity compromised?
3. Will the State of Illinois or Deloitte provide ID theft protection and/or credit monitoring to persons impacted by this data breach?
4. How many Illinoisans were impacted by this breach?

As this data breach likely impacts tens of thousands of Illinoisans at a time they have been waiting for two months to be able to file for unemployment, we remain available to speak to you about this issue at any time, and ask the favor of an expedited reply to our questions on this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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