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U.S. Senate Fails to Extend Federal Unemployment Benefits, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry Offers Strategy to Help Citizens

(AKRON, OHIO) Today, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry released a strategy to help those affected by recent U.S. Senate action which failed to extend federal unemployment benefits. As many as 4,784 Summit County citizens are immediately affected, and more are expected to lose unemployment in the coming weeks.

“To respond to this crisis we are working to streamline access to benefits, such as cash, food and medical assistance. We’ve established a dedicated web page that includes application forms, information about required documentation and other invaluable resources,” Mr. Pry said. “To save time, I encourage people to use this website as a source of information. As you can imagine, the phones are extremely busy and callers may encounter very long wait times.”

The website address is www.summitdjfs.org – click on the “Unemployment” button in the top right-hand corner.

Pat Divoky, Director of Summit County Department of Job and Family Services, suggests that citizens check their unemployment account status before applying by going to www.unemployment.ohio.gov. The information is also available by calling (877) OHIO-JOB (644-6562) Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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