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Senator Schiavoni Disappointed Ohio Passed Up \$176M in Unemployment Benefits

Columbus – State Senator Joe Schiavoni (D-Canfield) issued the following statement today after Ohio had missed the deadline to qualify for \$176 million in unemployment benefits:

“It is a shame that this deadline has passed, because this is funding that could have helped unemployed Ohioans and their families.

“Senate Bill 13 would have modernized Ohio’s unemployment system in order to qualify for part of \$7 billion made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. If we had made these much needed changes before today, thousands of struggling Ohioans could have benefited from \$176 million in federal funding. That money could have been spent in our communities to help strengthen our economy.

“Since introducing this bill in February, I’ve attempted to work with the Republicans through this process. I was told that it would be included in the budget if I was patient. That never happened. On August 5th, Senator Capri Cafaro and I sent a letter to the Governor asking him for an emergency meeting to discuss the funding available for people who will be affected by his lack of action. He declined to meet with us personally.

“Thirty-three states have implemented modernization and qualified to fully draw down funding. It is unfortunate Ohio is not one of them.”

