



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 17, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Walsh:

I write to inform you that the State of Texas will terminate its participation in the Agreement Implementing the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act, effective June 26, 2021.

The Texas economy is thriving and employers are hiring in communities throughout the state. In fact, the amount of job openings in Texas is far greater than the number of Texans looking for employment, making these unemployment benefits no longer necessary. For this reason, the State of Texas will continue to focus its efforts on connecting Texans with these job opportunities so they can find meaningful employment to provide for their families.

The termination of this agreement means that Texas will opt out of the following provisions of the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act (Public Law 116-136):

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (Section 2102), Addendum No. 1
- Emergency Unemployment Relief For Governmental Entities And Nonprofit Organizations (Section 2103)
- Emergency Increase in Unemployment Compensation Benefits – Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (Section 2102), Addendum No. 2
- Temporary Full Federal Funding Of The First Week Of Compensable Regular Unemployment For States With No Waiting Week (Section 2105), Addendum No. 3
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (Section 2107), Addendum No. 4 and Addendum No. 5 To Agreement Implementing Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus, as amended by section 261 of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act of 2020
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation (Section 2104), Addendum No. 5

This notice is provided pursuant to paragraph XI of the Agreement. Termination of this agreement shall be effective June 26, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

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