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The Honorable Joni Ernst
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ernst:

Thank you for your letter dated September 30, 2025, regarding the provision entitled "Ending Unemployment Payments to Jobless Millionaires" (subtitle D, section 73001) of the Working Families Tax Cuts Act. We appreciate your interest in this issue.

Based on Form 1040 administrative records, there were approximately 7,400 tax returns in tax year 2023 and 10,100 returns in tax year 2024 reporting adjusted gross income of \$1 million or more and receipt of unemployment compensation. These filers reported total unemployment compensation of \$69.8 million in tax year 2023 and \$97.4 million in tax year 2024, reflecting processing through December 31, 2025. Over the most recent three tax years for which data are available (2022–2024), no tax filers with adjusted gross income of \$1 billion or more reported receiving unemployment compensation.

Across tax years 2022–2024, the most frequently reported occupations among filers with adjusted gross income of \$1 million or more who received unemployment compensation included engineer, software engineer, attorney, executive, manager, sales, physician, consultant, finance, and product manager. During this same period, the largest concentrations of these filers resided in California, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington, Texas, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Florida, and Connecticut.

We are unable to provide information identifying the highest-income individual recipient, including occupation or benefit amount, due to the disclosure protections of section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code. However, over the past decade (tax years 2015–2024), filers with adjusted gross income of \$1 million or more reported a total of approximately \$812 million in unemployment compensation. This total includes elevated benefit levels during tax years 2020 and 2021, which together account for approximately \$505 million, reflecting temporary pandemic-related unemployment programs.

We appreciate your interest in tax administration and your continued support of efforts to protect taxpayer privacy while ensuring effective and equitable administration of the

tax system. If you have additional questions, please contact me, or a member of your staff may contact Amy Klonsky, National Director, Legislative Affairs, at 202-317-6985.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Bisignano".

Frank J. Bisignano
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