From: "Rep. Trey Hollingsworth" <trey@mail.house.gov> To: Carter.Moelk@mail.house.gov Subject: TEST Poll: Ending Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Date: Wed, 12 May 2021 10:15:49 -0400 Hoosiers,Beginning last March, COVID shutdowns spurred job losses across the country, increasing the unemployment rate from a fifty-year low of 3.5% in February 2020 to a high of 14.8% in April 2020. In response, the federal government created Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), a program that extended and increased benefits for individuals facing unemployment during COVID over and above state unemployment benefits, to help families forced out of work get through these challenging times.As the country has reopened and unemployment rates have declined, many Americans are critical of the sustained increased benefits, noting they have disincentivized workers from reentering the workforce. In May 2020, CNBC stated that roughly 40% of workers stood to make more money from collecting the inflated unemployment payments than from their former jobs.The May jobs report reflects these trends, as payroll increases came in under estimates and unemployment rose slightly to 6.1% from 6%. Meanwhile, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports 8.1 million job openings for the same period, the highest number of openings recorded since we have been keeping this record.In hopes of encouraging individuals to reenter the workforce as communities continue to reopen, multiple states such as Iowa, Montana, South Carolina, and Tennessee have officially announced they are moving to end the increased unemployment benefits for their residents. Governor Holcomb's Office has begun an analysis of the state's unemployment status to determine if it is time to end Pandemic Unemployment Assistance here as well.QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Do you think Indiana should end the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program?[_] Yes, I think we should end the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program now that our state is reopening. [_] No, I think we should continue the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program as our state reopens.[_] I don't know[_] Other Hoosiers, Beginning last March, COVID shutdowns spurred job losses across the country, increasing the unemployment rate from a fifty-year low of 3.5% in February 2020 to a high of 14.8% in April 2020. In response, the federal government created Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), a program that extended and increased benefits for individuals facing unemployment during COVID over and above state unemployment benefits, to help families forced out of work get through these challenging times. As the country has reopened and unemployment rates have declined, many Americans are critical of the sustained increased benefits, noting they have disincentivized workers from reentering the workforce. In May 2020, CNBC stated that roughly 40% of workers stood to make more money from collecting the inflated unemployment payments than from their former jobs. The May jobs report reflects these trends, as payroll increases came in under estimates and unemployment rose slightly to 6.1% from 6%. Meanwhile, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports 8.1 million job openings for the same period, the highest number of openings recorded since we have been keeping this record. In hopes of encouraging individuals to reenter the workforce as communities continue to reopen, multiple states such as Iowa, Montana, South Carolina, and Tennessee have officially announced they are moving to end the increased unemployment benefits for their residents. Governor

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