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Statement by Idaho Department of Labor Director Roger B. Madsen

On Nov. 8, Idaho Department of Labor Director Roger B. Madsen urged the state's congressional delegation and the Legislature to oppose continuation of federally funded extended unemployment insurance benefits beyond their current year-end expiration date. Madsen issued the following statement in response to criticism of that position including Democratic Party Chairman Larry Grant's call for his resignation.

"I respect Larry Grant and my many friends in the Democratic Party, but we are not Democrats or Republicans at the Idaho Department of Labor. We respect all Idahoans including the employed, the unemployed and the state's business owners. Our employees are doing everything they can to help Idaho citizens find meaningful work. As for resigning, I serve at the pleasure of Governor Otter, who has yet to ask for my resignation. Until he does, my goal is to stay on as director and strengthen Idaho's unemployment insurance program."

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