As a result of the current COVID-19 public health emergency, the District of Columbia has received an insurmountable traumatic impact to its hotel and tourism industry which is at the very core of the District’s economy. Thousands of businesses connected to this industry have been forced to layoff thousands of workers who are now filing unemployment insurance (UI) claims. The District seeks funding to meet economic needs of the city and to support the rapidly declining economy by putting District residents back to work in jobs where the COVID-19 epidemic has created a significant need for workers.

The proposed DWG would create disaster-relief employment to support government agencies who are in charge of distribution facilities and delivery of essential goods. These jobs will further act as a stimulus to the economy, meeting resident’s needs for employment and serve as a catalyst to moving the District beyond the current economic decline. Positions needed are home delivery drivers, distribution center employees and member/customer service professionals.

Workers laid off due to quarantine orders or business closures related to disruptions caused by the outbreak are eligible participants. Also eligible are workers unable to go to their regular workplace due to social distancing requirements, as well as those missing work to care for a family member.

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