Dear Ed Serna:

The Office of the Governor is in receipt of the Texas Workforce Commission’s request to temporarily suspend Section 207.021(a)(8) of the Texas Labor Code. The Texas Workforce Commission asserts that strict compliance with this law could prevent, hinder, or delay the payment of unemployment insurance benefits to impacts individuals in relation to efforts to cope with the declared disaster.

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor grants the Texas Workforce Commission’s request to suspend Section 207.021(a)(8) of the Texas Labor Code.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the March 13, 2020 disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

Thank you,

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