

Hello,

My name is Meredith Shinkle, I live in Hood River, Oregon and I filed for regular unemployment benefits on 4/18/20. My case immediately went to adjudication and has not moved ever since. My case has nothing to do with Covid and I fact I believe my employer violated my FMLA by terminating me. I have claimed 20 weeks as of this email. I spoke with an OED rep that said I was one of the oldest claims which had not been assigned a case file or an adjudicator. The rep kindly assigned both of the above and bumped me up on the list and said someone should be calling me within 2 weeks. That was over 3 weeks ago.

In order to pay bills and rent and survive, I was forced to withdrawal funds from my 401k that was rolled over into an IRA. I also had to pay a penalty tax on the withdrawals. I've also borrowed from family members and friends. This is unacceptable and criminal that I am STILL waiting for my benefits going on week 21. I also do not feel that I should pay any penalty taxes on the above withdrawal due to the OED's incompetence. I demand the percentage of taxes be distributed back into my IRA.

It's absolutely frustrating that most everyone that I know of and read online have received their benefits on week 10. It is also ridiculous that one either has to be on hold for hours and be hung up on or it's a constant busy signal to get through to a rep. I have emailed 5 legislators and still nothing. I am disgusted! Please help!

Thank you,
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