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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Senator Michael Rodrigues, Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
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**FROM:** Richard A. Jeffers

**DATE:** April 16, 2021

**SUBJECT: MARCH 2021 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TRUST FUND REPORT**

The attached March Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report provides information on the trust fund status through the end of February 2021 and projections for the private contributory account for 2021 to 2025. The projections are based on the January 2021 Moody's Analytics Data Services forecasts, 2020 claims and payment activities and preliminary employer experience rates and the continuing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The report highlights include:

The preliminary February month-end private contributory account balance was -\$2.811 billion, \$41 million more than the projection of -\$2.852 billion. Year-to-date preliminary employer contributions of \$140.7 million were \$1.8 million less than projected and benefit payments of \$603.5 million were \$22.9 million less than projected at the end of February.

Employer contributions, as set by legislation on tax schedule E and a \$15,000 taxable wage base, remain projected at \$2.037 billion while benefit payments are estimated at \$3.735 billion. The 2021 private account year-end balance still projected at -\$4.066 billion. Advances from the federal UI account will be required throughout 2021. Advances will be interest-free through September 6, 2021. Interest on federal advances from September 7 through September 30, 2021, totaling \$6 million must be paid by September 30, 2021.

Trust fund solvency is estimated to be restored by issuing bonds estimated at \$6 billion prior to November 9, 2022.

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