Congressman Pence has joined other Indiana Representatives in writing a letter to Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao on behalf of Columbus Regional Hospital - asking that "Columbus Regional be paid the amount of money that employees would have received if they had filed for unemployment benefits."

The *Columbus Republic* published a front page story on it, which can be found **HERE :**

"It was the right decision for CRH to keep paying these employees," *Pence said.* **"It deployed 1,800 people into the community to help neighbors and not have to worry about where their next meal will come from."**

Pence said the hospital deserves reimbursement, partly because CRH's decision to pay employees has kept them from collecting unemployment payments.

He expects the federal government to decide within two weeks.

Both *WRTV Channel 6* and *WTHI Channel 10* have more.