

April 7, 2020

The Honorable Steven Mnuchin
Department of the Treasury
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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Internal Revenue Service
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Dear Secretary Mnuchin and Commissioner Rettig:

We write to request an update on the Administration's efforts to deliver recovery rebates to all eligible recipients as quickly as possible, established in Section 2201 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136.

Many of our constituents are confused and concerned that they may not receive these rebates in a timely fashion or possibly at all. College students, elderly dependents, mixed status families, and anyone else facing current financial and other life challenges, not represented in past filings, may be completely or partially excluded from these relief payments. Basing this means-tested program on old tax returns only using Social Security Numbers (SSN) will inevitably lead to certain dependents and other groups being missed and left out, which was not the full intention of the bill Congress passed and the President signed last week.

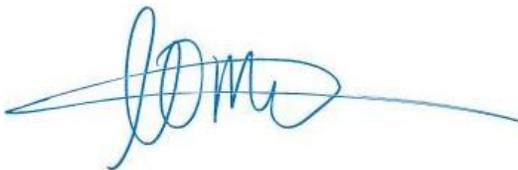
We understand that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will be issuing more guidance to clarify the eligibility, application, and delivery methods of such payments, but the Treasury department's pledged timeline of three weeks to send out these checks is quickly approaching, with little to no updates for the American people.

Given the time sensitive nature of this issue, we respectfully request a response to the following questions no later than 14 days after receipt of this letter:

- Will a filer, that claims adult dependents over the age of 17, be able to receive the \$500 amount of the dependent rebate or will the adult dependent be eligible for the \$1200 rebate?
 - If the statutory interpretation of complete ineligibility is confirmed to be the case, we hope you will expand eligibility in future negotiations. In the meantime to clear up any more confusion, will there be a process for an individual who was an adult dependent in 2018 or 2019 but is not an adult dependent in 2020 to receive their \$1200 as an advanced payment?
- How will the IRS determine the eligibility and amount for such payments to individuals who currently have extenuating financial circumstances as a result of COVID-19 but such changes in income and tax liability are not represented in their 2019 or 2018 tax returns?

- Will the IRS also consider other updated life circumstances, not reflected in past filing statuses, when determining and sending out these payments, such as recently divorced joint filers or filers with newborn children this year?
- If a non-military couple files jointly, but only one person has a SSN, will they both become ineligible for any stimulus payment?
 - If this statutory interpretation is confirmed to be the case, would it instead be possible for the IRS to send the payment to the individual with a SSN?
 - If not, how will impacted individuals be notified of their ineligibility or otherwise receive any kind of guidance?
- Are there additional application procedures that Treasury and the IRS are considering to try to reach eligible recipients who may be facing housing insecurity or banking access barriers?
- Are there outreach measures in place to make sure eligible recipients are able to receive these payments if they are not automatic direct deposits?
- How will individuals who are concerned that they did not receive the correct rebate amount be able to contact the agency for clarification and guidance?

Given the complexities of this undertaking, many of our constituents will undoubtedly have questions and will look to federal government for guidance in the very near term. We look forward to your responses and to working together on this important matter.



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