

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1304

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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue NW
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Dear Commissioner Rettig:

We applaud President Biden's January 22 executive order urging equitable and effective delivery of payments, and while you work to comply with it we ask that you focus on offering the tools the IRS used last spring to ensure that mixed-status families can access their Economic Impact Payments (EIPs). After their exclusion from the CARES Act, many of these families are having trouble paying rent and buying groceries and should not be forced to jump through hoops to get this urgently needed help. The IRS must do more to ensure families receive the funds they are entitled to under the law.


Congress passed legislation in December 2020 making mixed-status families eligible for both the first and second round of EIP's, but many still need assistance accessing their payments. Since they were not included in the CARES Act they were unable to benefit from the IRS's efforts in the spring and summer to connect families with their payments such as the web portal, call-in hotline, and direct-targeted outreach campaign. As a result, many of these families have not received any stimulus checks.

We understand you are working hard to get relief out to families, and we ask that you offer the tools made available last spring to mixed-status families that were not able to take advantage of them so that they can access EIP's. Families in our districts would benefit greatly from resources such as:

- An IRS Web portal with option to update information to receive mail or direct deposit check;
- An educational campaign and marketing products dedicated to mixed-status families in multiple languages; and
- An IRS multilingual hotline to answer live questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,


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