

DELIVERING COVID RELIEF FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

Dear Friends,

It's been more than a year since COVID changed all of our lives. The passage of the American Rescue Plan is a major step forward on our path to recovery.

This is the most significant piece of legislation since the New Deal. It will provide the resources we need to overcome this virus and help Americans to return to their normal lives. The American Rescue Plan puts shots in people's arms, money in people's pockets, and students back in their seats. It also provides much-needed relief directly to our communities.

Navigating these difficult times during the past year has been challenging. My office stands ready to help, whether you are owed unemployment, haven't received your stimulus check or IRS tax refund, or need help finding a vaccine. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your resilience and courage during this unprecedented time. We will get through this together.

How can we help you? Haven't gotten your benefits? Have questions? Our team is here to assist!

Call our office at 860-278-8888 or send an email at larson.house.gov/contact

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HOW THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN CAN HELP YOU

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Money in Your Pocket:

\$1,400 Stimulus Checks*

- Individuals earning \$75,000 or less and couples earning \$150,000 or less (including all dependents!) will receive \$1,400.
- Not sure if you qualify or where your payment is? Visit https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/get-my-payment or you can call the IRS at 800-919-9835 or my office at 860-278-8888.

Relief for Families: Child Tax Credit *

- Families (earning \$75,000 income or less for single filers and earning \$150,000 or less for joint filers) will receive an increased credit.
- Families will receive a credit of \$3,600 for each child under 6 and \$3,000 per child aged 6-17.
- Most families will automatically start receiving this funding later this year.

Expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit*

- The Credit is expaned to include childless workers and seniors.
- When individuals file their 2021 taxes in 2022, many childless workers will receive more money from the federal government.
- Even if you owe nothing in taxes, you will still receive the credit.

Extended Unemployment Benefits

- Extends federal unemployment benefit payments of \$300 per week on top of standard benefit levels and unemployment for self-employed individuals through September 6, 2021.
- It also makes the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits received tax-free for 2020.
- Have questions? Call CT Dept. of Labor 1 203-941-6868

Housing Assistance

Relief for renters and landlords:

- Eligible individuals and households may receive up to \$10,000 in rental assistance (either \$10,000 in rental assistance (either for previously owed or future rent) and \$1,500 in owed utility payments.
- Visit https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT to apply
- You can also call 1-844-UniteCT (1-844-864-8328) or email DOH-UniteCT@ct.gov.

Mortgage Relief

- The American Rescue Plan provides Connecticut homeowners with \$125 million to assist homeowners with paying mortgage and homeowner costs.
- Funds may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner's insurance, utility payments, and funding will be prioritized for homeowners who have experienced the greatest hardships.

Funeral Assistance

- Families who paid for funeral expenses after January 20, 2020, for an individual whose death may have been caused by or was likely the result of COVID-19 can apply for up to \$9,000 of assistance per funeral through FEMA.
- To apply, call the dedicated call center at 844-684-6333; TTY 800-462-7585, Monday-Friday, 9 AM ET - 9 PM ET. No online applications will be accepted.

"You may have to file a tax return for 2020 in order to receive these benefits."

Call our office at 860-278-8888 for list of free tax preparation assistance providers who can help with this.