

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 5, 2021

The Honorable Joe Biden
President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write to you in strong support of maintaining the higher income thresholds for the next round of Economic Income Payments so that people who are struggling in areas with high costs of living, such as our districts, can get the support they need during this crisis.

We understand that the Administration is considering proposals from Republican senators to lower the income threshold for economic relief payments. These lower income thresholds would leave behind struggling individuals and families in regions where the costs are very high. Although the median incomes of households in our districts are above average, so is the cost of living, including basic necessities like housing, transportation and food. Our economic relief efforts need to recognize this reality and maintain support for individuals and families struggling to make ends meet.

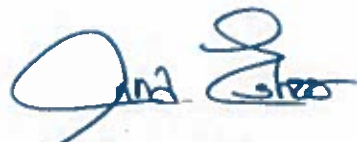
Economic support for people living in our districts is not just about the people it directly benefits, but also the businesses who rely on consumers to spend money in their communities. The economic activity generated by these payments is critical to helping hard hit businesses and their employees, and will strengthen consumer confidence in communities across the country. Furthermore, the income level of \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for married couples was included in the bipartisan CARES Act and end-of-the-year relief package that passed in December 2020 with strong bipartisan support.

We thank you for your attention to this important issue and urge you to maintain the higher thresholds to assist families who are struggling daily to get through the pandemic.

Sincerely,



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