

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20224

Dear Commissioner Rettig:

Thank you for your continued service to our country. ***I write to request information regarding the payment of Covid-19 Economic Impact Payments (EIP) to incarcerated persons.***

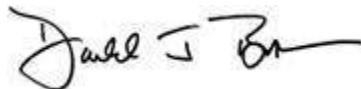
It is my understanding that the court in *Scholl v. Mnuchin* ordered the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to terminate its policy of excluding individuals from receiving EIPs solely based on their incarcerated status if they otherwise met eligibility requirements to receive the payment. Following the permanent injunction, the IRS resumed processing incarcerated individuals' requests for EIPs.

Regarding that decision, I respectfully request a response to the following questions:

- How many EIPs have been disbursed to incarcerated individuals at the federal and state level?
- How many EIPs have been disbursed to incarcerated individuals on death row at the federal and state level?
- How many EIPs have been disbursed to incarcerated individuals serving life sentences without the possibility of parole?
- In what format have EIPs been disbursed – via paper check or debit card?
- How many EIPs were received as the recovery rebate credit?
- To date, what is the total dollar value of EIPs disbursed to incarcerated individuals?
- How many EIP requests are backlogged due to paperwork processing delays?
- Have EIPs that were clawed back by the IRS prior to the court decision been disbursed again?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your reply and to working together in the future.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress