



Re: CARES Act Stimulus Check for Incarcerated People DEADLINE NOVEMBER 4TH

A federal court in California ruled that incarcerated individuals are eligible for stimulus relief under the CARES Act, a law passed earlier this year by Congress to address the COVID-19 pandemic. **Right now, this ruling permits you to apply for a stimulus check, formally referred to as an Economic Impact Payment (EIP), of up to \$1,200 from the IRS.** You are eligible for the stimulus check if you were serving a prison sentence before or after 3/27/20, have not already received a stimulus check, have a social security number that lets you work in the U.S. and if you were not claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax returns.

### **WHAT TO DO TO BEFORE NOVEMBER 4TH**

- ✓ Complete the blank 1040 form. We've included a sample 1040 form to help you fill out your blank form. You only need to complete the highlighted sections of the form.
- ✓ Filing Status: check "single" unless you are "married filing separately".
- ✓ Current address: Address of the facility where you are incarcerated & your ID#. **Follow the example form exactly.**
- ✓ If you have a bank account enter that information in the direct deposit section, otherwise the check will be deposited into your canteen account.
- ✓ Next, see the back of this letter and copy the cover letter provided to the IRS to ensure your form will not get lost and that the IRS knows why you are applying for your stimulus payment.
- ✓ Mail the completed IRS 1040 form and cover letter to this address:  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Austin, TX 73301-0002

**There are 13 copies of the 1040 form, please help us spread the word by sharing with 12 others.**

The court's ruling may be appealed, which could ultimately affect your eligibility. As of today, however, if you meet the eligibility requirements, you should not be denied a CARES Act stimulus payment simply because you are incarcerated.

The law firm handling the case is Lieff Cabraser and more information can be found on their website under Cares Act Relief. You can also find more information through the IRS on their website under Non-Filers CARES Act Relief and as always, we are here for you at Florida Cares to answer any questions you may have. We will continue to stay in the loop with the law firm handling the case and will include any updates in our weekly update to families so if you have a loved one on the outside, please be sure to have them get in contact with us.

Sincerely,

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**IRS COVER LETTER - HAND WRITE & INCLUDE WITH YOUR FORM**

Date:

To whom it may concern:

Enclosed is my application for an Economic Impact Payment authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Pursuant to a preliminary injunction granted on September 24, 2020 by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in the action captioned *Scholl et al. v. Mnuchin et al.*, No. 20-cv-05309-PJH, I am currently eligible to apply to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for this payment regardless of my incarcerated status. I am filing this claim before the deadline set by the IRS of November 4th, 2020. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Signature:

Name:

Institution:

Address: