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Friends,

Like many of you, I am deeply concerned with growing unrest plaguing our country. Whole city blocks have been ceded to anarchists, police are being viciously attacked and weak leadership leaves families wondering who will protect them.

In Washington, I was proud to introduce the CHOPping Cash for CHAZ Act of 2020, which would remove funding for governments that allow autonomous zones. When local leaders fail to provide basic protection and order, Congress must step in. I also wrote to the Office of Management & Budget, along with Senator Joni Ernst of (R-IA), requesting an official investigation on tax dollars used to respond to these autonomous zones. North Carolinians won't pay for Seattle officials' dereliction of duty.

Violent attacks on our police officers have accompanied these overt acts of anarchy. That is why I introduced the No Reward for Inciting Organized Turmoil Act of 2020 or the No RIOT Act, which would expand penalties for assaults on law enforcement officers during riots, including the federal death penalty for killings. The bill also holds individuals and organizations to account for coordinating riots through social media platforms.

Thank you for taking the time to hear what I'm doing on your behalf in Congress. It is an honor to represent the people of North Carolina's Ninth District.

[CHOPping Cash for CHAZ Act of 2020:](#)

- Removes federal funding from states that fail to disband autonomous zones within 7 days.
- Gives offending government re-eligibility option by reporting to the Department of Justice how they disbanded the zone and how they will prevent it from occurring again.

“I support federalism, but when liberal-run states and localities relinquish homes and businesses of taxpaying citizens to lawless mobs without objection, Congress must step in,” said Rep. Bishop. “Elected officials have prioritized liberal agendas over order—putting dedicated law enforcement most at risk. We are a nation of laws, and if a state or city chooses to promote anarchy, Congress should no longer fund them for they are not doing the basic job taxpayers pay us for—protection and order.”

-Rep. Dan Bishop (NC-09)



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- See my video with Senator Joni Ernst below:



See my letter to the Office of Management and Budget to investigate tax dollars funding anarchy:

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 21, 2020

The Honorable Russell Vought
The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Vought,

We write to urge you to exercise your authority to ensure taxpayer dollars are not used to promote anarchy. In recent weeks, mobs hijacked peaceful protests and vandalized cities, and State and local officials enabled and encouraged them. One egregious product of this encouragement of chaos are so-called 'autonomous zones.' These anarchist zones are incompatible with the American commitment to its citizens that it is a nation based on laws. Most concerning, various city officials have used their platforms and taxpayer dollars to promote their existence, facilitate their expansion and clean up the destruction.


In Seattle, where an 'autonomous zone' persisted for weeks and was only stopped after a string of shootings and murders, local officials' abysmal judgment has a budgetary effect, as the city wrestles with a \$300 million revenue shortfall. Law abiding citizens should not have to pay for their abdication of responsibility. We ask that you scrutinize any future federal funding that flows to such lawless jurisdictions.

The federal government must ensure judicious and lawful use of taxpayer funds. With this responsibility in mind, we ask you to investigate and report the amount of taxpayer dollars local officials used to, encourage, sustain, bolster, supply or repair the damage in these anarchist 'autonomous zones.'

In FY2019, the federal government provided the top 20 most populous U.S. cities over \$88 billion in taxpayer dollars. That money comes from the people, and should have been spent to protect them, not put them in harm's way. The most fundamental duty of these cities is to provide security for law-abiding citizens. Instead, we have seen businesses destroyed and lives senselessly taken. Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your leadership in ensuring transparency for tax-payer dollars used to enable anarchy.

Sincerely,


Joni K. Ernst
United States Senator


Dan Bishop
Member of Congress

No RIOT Act of 2020:

Increases the penalty and jail time for assaults against law enforcement during riots.

- Penalty for assaults:
 - General Assault is up to 1 year
 - Assault with physical contact with the officer or other felonious intent is up to 8 years
 - Assault resulting in injury or death of the officer is up to 20 years or death.
- Stipulates that an individual coordinating a riot through the internet or a social media platform is responsible for an assault on law enforcement.

Expanding Assistance to Farmers Act of 2020:

Expands the use of Paycheck Protection Program Loans to include equipment rent for farmers who have received these loans.

- Allows current recipients to fully utilize funds for necessary equipment, including but not limited to:
 - Tractors, combines, forage harvesters, planters, sprayers, hay rakes, etc.

Small Business Committee Hearing: Oversight of the SBA and Department of Treasury Pandemic Programs: July 17, 2020

- Addressed the critical role private sector lenders have played in the distribution of Paycheck Protection Program loans, while addressing the need for liability protections.
- Addressed Planned Parenthood wrongfully applying for and receiving Paycheck Protection Program loans.
- See full remarks in video the below.



ADDITIONAL IRS RESOURCES:

As you continue to navigate federal resources in response to coronavirus, I've included some answers to frequently asked questions from the IRS.

[Q59. I used the Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here tool to register for an Economic Impact Payment. I need to file a 2019 tax return. Can I file electronically? What should I do? \(added July 10, 2020\)](#)

A59. The Economic Impact Payment's Non-Filers tool was not intended for use by taxpayers who also needed to file a tax return with the IRS for tax year 2019. If you used the Non-Filers tool to register for an Economic Impact Payment, you cannot now file your tax return electronically. You must complete and print a paper 2019 Form 1040 or 1040-SR tax return, write "Amended EIP Return" at the top, and mail it to the IRS. If you owe tax, you should pay it in full by the July 15 due date. Interest will be charged after July 15 on any amounts that are not paid by July 15. For more information, visit the [Amended EIP Return page](#).

Updated FAQs:

[Q12. Does someone who has died qualify for the Payment? \(updated July 10, 2020\)](#)

A12. No. A Payment made to someone who died before receipt of the Payment should be returned to the IRS by following the [instructions in the Q&A about repayments](#). Return the entire Payment unless the Payment was made to joint filers and one spouse had not died before receipt of the Payment, in which case, you only need to return the portion of the Payment made to the decedent. This amount will be \$1,200 unless adjusted gross income exceeded \$150,000. If you cannot deposit the payment because it was issued to both spouses and one spouse is deceased, return the check as described in [Returning the Economic Impact Payment section](#) on this page. Once the IRS receives and processes your returned payment, an Economic Impact Payment will be reissued.

The Bureau of Fiscal Services has cancelled outstanding Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks issued to recipients who may not be eligible, including those who may be deceased. Recipients should still return these checks as described in [Returning the Economic Impact Payment section](#) on this page.

[Q13. Why did the IRS send Economic Impact Payments \(EIPs\) to deceased individuals? What happens to uncashed Economic Impact Payment checks issued to ineligible recipients? \(updated July 10, 2020\)](#)

A13. Upon enactment of the CARES Act, the IRS worked with unprecedented speed to issue Economic Impact Payments to individuals. The IRS initially implemented the legislation consistent with processes and requirements used with the 2008 stimulus payments, which resulted in EIPs being issued to certain deceased individuals. After further review, it was determined that those who died before receipt of the EIP should not receive the advance payment, also known as EIP. As a result of the review, IRS and the Bureau of Fiscal Services (BFS) took action to prevent future payments to deceased individuals. The cancellation of uncashed checks is part of this process.

BFS has cancelled outstanding Economic Impact Payment (EIP) checks issued to recipients who may not be eligible, including those who may be deceased. Treasury is encouraging financial institutions and other check cashing entities to determine the status of EIP checks by using [Treasury check verification tools](#).

An EIP made to someone who died before receipt of the EIP should be returned to the IRS by following the instructions in the Economic Impact Payments FAQs on [IRS.gov](#). Recipients should return these checks as described in [Returning the Economic Impact Payment section](#) on this page.

[Get My Payment FAQs:](#)

[What do I enter for the Adjusted Gross Income \(AGI\) amount? \(updated July 9, 2020\)](#)

Your Adjusted Gross Income can be found on Line 8b of your 2019 Form 1040 or 1040-SR, or Line 7 of your 2018 Form 1040.

If you had a negative AGI:

- Enter your AGI with a minus sign. For example, enter -2492. Do not use a dollar sign or other characters.

If you entered your 2019 AGI and received an error:

- Your 2019 return may not have completed processing, try entering your 2018 AGI instead.

If you did not file your 2019 return:

- Enter the AGI from your 2018 tax return

It is an honor to represent you in Congress. My office is always available. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 202.225.1967 or at <https://danbishop.house.gov/contact>.

Sincerely,



Dan Bishop
Member of Congress

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