J. SMITH RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY-AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN WASTEFUL SPENDING

Requesting documents pertaining to Taxpayer-Funded Stimulus Checks Democrats Sent to Prisoners, Foreign Citizens, Deceased Individuals, and Illegal Immigrants from the American Rescue Plan Act

According to reports, the Biden Administration sent:

- **\$783.5 million** in stimulus checks to over 500,000 federal prisoners, including the Boston Marathon Bomber
- Up to \$4.38 billion in stimulus checks to illegal immigrants
- \$13 million in stimulus checks to deceased individuals
- Stimulus checks to potentially upwards of 70,000 Japanese citizens

The American people deserve a thorough accounting of where this money has gone, and what, if any, attempts the Biden White House has made to combat, recoup, or account for, this waste of taxpayer dollars.

Background: At the start of 2021, with more than \$1 trillion left over from prior COVID-19 packages and the Congressional Budget Office projecting the economy would return to pre-pandemic levels of real GDP by mid-2021 *without additional stimulus,* Democrats still pushed through \$2 trillion in new spending in March 2021, sparking the worst inflation crisis in over 40 years.

Democrats claimed their bill was about defeating COVID, but **less than 9% of spending went to combat the virus.** A closer examination reveals that the spending spree left behind **a massive trail of waste and abuse of taxpayer dollars – including:**

- \$2.1 million on a golf course in Florida
- \$4 million for beach bathrooms and parking lots in South Carolina
- \$2 million to purchase a ski area in Iowa
- \$140 million for a luxury hotel development in Florida
- \$15 million to develop a venue in New Jersey to host the '26 World Cup
- \$7 million to social media influencers to promote seafood in Alaska
- **\$2 million** to plant trees in New York
- \$5 million for a moonshine walking trail in North Carolina
- **\$250,000** for pickleball courts in Michigan
- \$7.2 million for horseracing in Arizona

American Rescue Plan Act Track Record:

- Sparked the worst inflation crisis in over 40 years, up 13.7 percent since Joe Biden took office
- \$400 billion spent on policies that reduced private-sector employment
- \$500 billion spent on state and local bailouts that left behind a massive trail of waste and abuse
- Hundreds of billions in estimated unemployment insurance fraud

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