



WHEN WE FIGHT WE WIN

The original COVID-19 stimulus bill was a bailout for bosses, not for workers. Our union and the labor movement, community organizations, and progressive politicians across the country stood up, fought for and won a stimulus that will put much needed money into our pockets. Here is our initial analysis:

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN AMOUNT AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:

- In addition to regular unemployment payments, workers will receive another \$600/week until July 31st, 2020
- The duration of unemployment has been extended by 13 additional weeks and the eligibility waiting week is eliminated.
- If you have previously exhausted your unemployment benefits you are eligible for both the additional 13 weeks of benefits and the \$600 payment.

MAJOR EXPANSION OF WHO GETS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance will provide benefits to workers typically not covered by unemployment from January 27th, 2020 through December 31st, 2020 like self-employed individuals, gig workers. (uber/lyft/postmates etc), free lancers, and people who haven't worked enough to qualify for regular unemployment. Amount varies by state but will be at least half of state average unemployment payment.
- This program also provides benefits to someone who is caring for someone who has COVID-19, is experiencing symptoms, or is taking care of children whose school or daycare is closed.
- Available to anyone who is still unemployed and exhausted their other state unemployment benefits.
- Anyone on this program will also receive the \$600/week Pandemic Unemployment Compensation payment.

STIMULUS CHECKS TO PUT MONEY IN PEOPLE'S POCKETS TODAY:

- Most adults will receive a stimulus payment of \$1200.00 and an additional \$500 per dependent child age 16 or under. These checks will not be taxed.
- If you make over \$75,000 a year or you are married and your household income is over \$150,000 the amount is lower.
- Checks should start arriving after April 20th.

NATIONAL MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS AND STUDENT LOAN RELIEF

- 120 day moratorium on evictions for renters if your landlord has a mortgage backed by the federal government.
- Anyone who took out a federal student loan in the last 10 years won't be responsible for payments or interest until September 30th, 2020.

BAILOUTS WITH OVERSIGHT AND STRINGS ATTACHED FOR THE BOSSES

- Many of our employers will still receive bailouts. We need to keep fighting to make sure bailed out employers hold up their end of the bargain and protect our jobs and benefits. We will get back to work with a strong union when the time comes.

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