

# INCOME MOVEMENT

## **Organizers Deliver \$2K Invoices to Ron Wyden's Portland Office** *More Than Two Million Americans Demand Recurring Checks*

February 2, 2021, Portland, OR – Grassroots organizers will deliver \$2,000 “past due” invoices to members of Congress on Thursday, Feb. 4, for direct stimulus support throughout the pandemic. These invoices will have the [names of more than two million people who signed a Change.org petition](#) asking Congress to authorize \$2,000 monthly stimulus checks to the people.

Events will be held in key cities across the country where Congressional leadership has local offices, including Senator Ron Wyden's Portland Office at 911 NE 11th Ave Suite 63. All participating cities can be found on [the events page](#), and the number of participants will be capped to observe social distancing guidelines. People can participate regardless of location by engaging in a social media campaign by printing out [their own invoice](#) and using the hashtag #MakeItMonthly. The invoice events and campaign are a collaboration between Income Movement, The People's Bailout, change.org and Economic Security Project Action.

[New polling](#) shows 81% of voters want \$2,000 checks. Support transcends party lines, with 74% of Republicans in favor of the payment. 60% of voters want recurring monthly payments of \$2,000 until the pandemic is over, while 62% support \$2,000 retroactive payments for months in which Americans did not receive any relief.

“Nearly a year into this pandemic, Congress has only delivered a total of \$1,800 in cash payments,” said Income Movement Founder, Stacey Rutland. “This in no way matches the magnitude of the crisis. We need monthly checks during the pandemic to ensure Americans can keep their homes, feed their families and cover their basic expenses.”

Direct cash payments are efficient and allow recipients the flexibility of determining how to spend their resources as the economic toll of the pandemic wears on. Low and middle-income households are [less than half as likely](#) to have had their incomes recover compared to wealthier households. Even workers who kept their jobs lost income: while 21% of households report income disruptions from job loss, 19% lost income from hours cuts and 16% because they were unable to do business as usual.

President Biden's [American Rescue Plan](#) proposes a single \$1,400 check, but there are [several bills](#) in Congress – including one co-sponsored by former Senator and current Vice President Kamala Harris – calling for ongoing checks during the pandemic.

“It took nine months for Congress to send a second stimulus check, and just moments to spend it,” says Stephanie Bonin, creator of the change.org petition. “Another single check won't solve our problems – people are just too far behind.”

To cover this event locally or receive photos and/or videos of the invoice deliveries, please contact: Stacey Rutland 503.250.4935

###