

It's time to **perk up**
America's **economy**



An update
on the recently
passed Economic
Stimulus Package

from Congresswoman
Linda Sánchez

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Dear Neighbor:

Like me, you're probably concerned about the direction of our economy. While the price of gas, health care, and many basics like milk go up, unemployment is on the rise, wages are stagnant and the real estate market is in decline. Some experts say a recession is on the horizon, while others say we're already in one.

I'm pleased to report that Congress and the president were able to put aside partisan differences and work together on passing an economic stimulus package that is timely, targeted, and temporary. I am especially pleased that my colleagues and I were able to convince the president to focus the stimulus package on helping working families. The point of the stimulus package is to help get the economy going again. The most visible part of the package that may impact you is the tax rebate program. This newsletter answers questions about who qualifies for the rebates and how to make sure you receive yours.

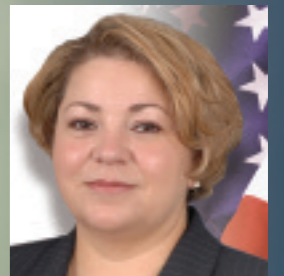
In addition to the economic stimulus package, my colleagues and I are also working on other measures to spur job growth and address the mortgage crisis. I hope that these and other efforts will help you weather the economic slowdown and get our economy back on track as soon as possible.

As always, for more information, please visit my website at www.lindasanchez.house.gov or call my local office at (562) 860-5050.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda T. Sanchez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda T. Sánchez
U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN



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Tax Rebates: Frequently Asked Questions

The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 includes tax rebates for lower- and middle-income working families, and certain seniors and disabled veterans. Here are some questions and answers about the rebate plan to help you determine whether you qualify and if so, how to get your rebate.



Q: Who is eligible for a rebate?

A: To be eligible, you must file a tax return for 2007 and either have a tax liability OR have at least \$3,000 in income from: 1) earned income (typically, income from a job); 2) Social Security benefits; or 3) disabled veterans' benefits.

Q: Who does not qualify for a rebate?

A: People who earned less than \$3,000 in 2007; people who do not have Social Security numbers; and anyone who does not file a tax return. The rebate begins to phase out for those taxpayers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$75,000 (\$150,000 for a joint return). Taxpayers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$87,000 (\$174,000 for couples) or above who don't have qualifying children will not receive a rebate.

Q: What must you do to receive a rebate?

A: You must file a 2007 federal income tax return, even if you did not earn enough to be required to file. There is no additional form needed for the rebate. Please note: The filing deadline for 2007 taxes is April 15, 2008. You can obtain a federal income tax form at your local library or post office, or by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

Q: How much will the rebate be?

A: Rebates will vary depending on your income, with individuals being eligible for rebates of between \$300 and \$600 (and double those amounts, \$600-\$1,200, for joint filers). In addition, taxpayers will receive an additional \$300 per child under age 17 (children must have a Social Security Number to qualify). Rebates will increase from the minimum of \$300 as an individual's income increases, up to the maximum rebate of \$600 for an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$75,000. For those who earn more than \$75,000 (\$150,000 for joint filers), the rebate phases out at a rate of \$50 per \$1,000 of additional income. Therefore, taxpayers with no qualifying children who make \$87,000 AGI (\$174,000 for joint filers) or above will not receive a rebate.

Q: When will the rebates arrive?

A: The Treasury Department says the IRS will begin sending out rebates in May.



For more details and information, please visit www.lindasanchez.house.gov or www.irs.gov

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