



***On September 24, 2020, Judge Phyllis J. Hamilton of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California issued an Order certifying a nationwide class of people incarcerated in state and federal prisons, and granting the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction requiring the U.S. Department of Treasury, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the United States of America ("Defendants") to stop withholding CARES Act stimulus funds from plaintiffs or any class member on the sole basis of their incarcerated status.***

***A Treasury Department Inspector General report confirms that, as of early May 2020, the IRS had determined that at least 80,000 incarcerated people were eligible for payments of over \$100 million. The Judge's order will thus result in desperately needed economic assistance of over \$100 million to be delivered to members of the Class. - [Cision PR Newswire](#)***

You must file by: **October 15**. Detailed Instructions can be found [here](#).

If you or an incarcerated loved one filed taxes in 2018 or 2019, or receive Social Security Benefits or Railroad Retirement Board Benefits, you do not need to file anything!

However, if your incarcerated loved one didn't file a tax return in 2018/19, or if you were incarcerated and didn't file a tax return those years, then you need to file a 2020 tax return for yourself or your loved one before OCTOBER 15. Don't worry, the form is short. The best way to file a claim is through the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here> The form name is "2019 Form 1040", or if you're or your loved one is over 65, "Form 1040-SR."

For more information, visit [this page](#).

VOTE extends a huge thank you to Lisa Strawn, her courage made this ruling possible.

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The September 14, 2020, release of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, which granted a nationwide class of people the right to sue the federal government for paying the plaintiffs back for the money they were repaid by the U.S. Department of Treasury, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the United States Postal Service (collectively, "Defendants") to King v. [redacted] (Case No. 1:19-cv-01000-UNA), is a landmark decision for the state's prison inmates from private or state member of the state's prison system.

A Treasury Department Inspector General report confirms that as of early May 2020, the IRS had distributed just at least 80,000 incorrect tax people with a right for payment of over \$1.3 billion. The judge's order will thus result in the payment of needed economic assistance of over \$1.3 billion to be delivered to members of the class. [redacted] ways.

You must file by October 15, 2020, to be eligible to be part of the class. If you are an incarcerated individual who filed taxes in 2018 or 2019, or receive Social Security benefits or Railroad Retirement Benefits - you may not need to file anything.

However, if you incarcerated loved one don't file a tax return in 2018 or 2019, you were incarcerated and don't file a tax return those years, then you may file a 2020 tax return for yourself or you loved one under RRA 2019, 101(b) if you file the form is short. The best way to file a claim is through the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/first-time-payment-filing>. The form name is "2019 Form 1040", or if you're of your loved one's case, "2019 Form 1040-SP".

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