

Why the American Rescue Plan Should Provide Economic Stimulus to All Taxpaying Immigrants

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Undocumented immigrants are overrepresented among frontline workers, yet neither previous stimulus bill passed by Congress during the COVID-19 pandemic provided them – or their estimated 2.2 million citizen children – any relief. And because taxpaying undocumented immigrants are ineligible for any federal aid and excluded from unemployment insurance, state lockdowns have created further unequal burdens for them and their families. The American Rescue Plan must include provisions for all taxpayers, regardless of legal status.

WEREN'T MIXED STATUS FAMILIES ADDRESSED IN THE SECOND STIMULUS?

The Trump administration's second coronavirus relief package granted stimulus payments to the **one million citizen spouses of undocumented immigrants** unfairly excluded from the CARES Act and allowed them to retroactively claim benefits for themselves and their dependents on their 2020 taxes.

But here is who wasn't included in any passed legislation:

10.4 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S

Including **4.3 million** who file taxes with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number

+2.2 million citizen children whom undocumented immigrants list on their taxes. Here are their stories:

When **Karla's (13)** parents lost their restaurant jobs in the pandemic, they lost seven months of income. Karla's parents are undocumented. They were forced to deplete Karla and her sister's college fund to pay rent.

Bruno (18) lives with his undocumented family. As the only one with valid papers who could obtain work at the big retail stores that remained open, he started working 36 hours a week when his mother and grandmother lost their cleaning jobs and his father lost his construction job. He now has to repeat his senior year.

WHY SHOULD UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS BE INCLUDED AT ALL?

These workers are contributing and risking more, but receiving less.



Annually, undocumented workers pay

\$79.7 billion in federal taxes

\$41 billion in state and local taxes

3 of 4 undocumented workers in the workforce are essential workers (5 out of 7 million total)



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Despite the disproportionate economic blow and disease burden, they are ineligible for unemployment insurance and other forms of federal aid.

WHY SHOULD THE CITIZEN CHILDREN OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS BE INCLUDED?

Children of mixed-status families should have access to the same benefits as any U.S. citizen, and excluding them violates their rights as citizens.



The Trump administration created a dangerous precedent of discriminating against families of mixed immigration statuses, proposing evicting families from public housing solely because they had an undocumented family member in 2019 and deliberately introducing language into the first CARES Act to exclude households with one undocumented member from receiving stimulus payments.

WHAT ACTION CAN LEGISLATORS TAKE TO DECREASE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES?

The American Rescue Plan must provide immigrant families with economic justice and make amends for their prior exclusion.



Not only must it provide stimulus payments to all taxpayers regardless of legal status, but it must also provide retroactive payments to the citizen children the previous two bills excluded. The Biden administration and Congress must not forget the undocumented immigrants who have supported the country during the pandemic.