

Tom O'Halleran voted for a Democrat plan that gave nearly \$1 billion in stimulus checks to prisoners, including the Boston Marathon bomber terrorist.

## BACKUP:

### Tom O'Halleran voted for H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act:

- **In March 2021, O'Halleran voted for H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act.** (H.R. 1319, [Roll Call #72](#), Passed 220-211: R 0-210, D 220-1, O'Halleran Voted Yea, 3/10/21)
  - **President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law in March 2021.** “President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic.” (Grace Segers, “Biden signs \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan into law,” [CBS News](#), 3/12/21)
  - **The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package.** “President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents.” (Barbara Sprunt, “Here's What's In The American Rescue Plan,” [NPR](#), 3/11/21)
  - **The American Rescue Plan passed through Congress with only Democratic support.** “The American Rescue plan made it through Congress with only Democratic support, making it stand out from the bipartisan COVID relief plans Congress passed over the last year.” (Savannah Behrmann, “Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden,” [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)

### The American Rescue Plan sent nearly \$1 billion in stimulus payments to prisoners in 2021, including Boston Marathon Bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, whose actions have been described as a terrorist attack:

- **The American Rescue Plan sent nearly \$1 billion in stimulus payments to prison inmates in 2021.** “The federal government doled out nearly a billion dollars in stimulus payments to prison inmates in 2021 under President Joe Biden’s American Rescue Plan, according to IRS records obtained by the Washington Examiner. The third-round stimulus payments to prisoners totaled \$924.3 million, which was much greater than previously reported. The checks went out despite efforts by Republican Sens. Tom Cotton of Arkansas and Bill Cassidy of Louisiana to bar stimulus funds from going to prisoners. Senate Democrats voted unanimously against the amendment in a 50-49 party-line vote in March 2021.” (Jerry Dunleavy and Andrew Kerr, “Nearly \$1 billion in stimulus funds sent to prisoners in 2021, ‘terrorists and perverts’ got \$1,400 checks,” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/11/22)
  - **The American Rescue Plan sent stimulus checks to approximately 645,000 people who were incarcerated at the start of 2021.** “The IRS reported that the money went to approximately 645,000 people who were incarcerated at the start of the year, according to FOIA records provided to the Washington Examiner by the

NRSC.” (Jerry Dunleavy and Andrew Kerr, “Nearly \$1 billion in stimulus funds sent to prisoners in 2021, ‘terrorists and perverts’ got \$1,400 checks,” [Washington Examiner](#), 2/11/22)

- **Boston Marathon Bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev received a \$1,400 stimulus payment through the American Rescue Plan.** “Prosecutors have filed a motion seeking funds from Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev’s inmate trust account, including a \$1,400 COVID-19 relief payment he received in 2021. Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts Nathaniel Mendell filed a motion on Wednesday asking for funds from Tsarnaev’s account to be taken and used as restitution to his victims, according to Boston Fox affiliate WFXT. The motion indicated that Tsarnaev had an account balance of \$3,885.06 as of Dec. 22, 2021, including a \$1,400 COVID-19 stimulus payment deposited to the account in June. Prisoners were largely eligible to receive \$1,400 payments included in the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that President Joe Biden signed into law last March.” (Aila Slisco, “Boston Marathon Bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev Got \$1,400 in COVID Relief That Feds Seek to Claim,” [Newsweek](#), 1/6/22)
- **Tsarnaev’s actions have been described as a terrorist attack.** “On April 15, 2013, Tamerlan and his younger brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, attacked the Boston Marathon. It was one of the worst terrorist attacks on U.S. soil since 9/11.” (“Unanswered Questions About Tamerlan Tsarnaev,” [WBUR](#), 7/10/17)