

Mike Levin voted to give nearly \$1 billion dollars in stimulus checks to prison inmates, including terrorists like the Boston Marathon bomber.

BACKUP:

Levin voted in favor of H.R. 1319, or the “American Rescue Plan Act,” a partisan coronavirus relief package that is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package:

- **Levin voted YEA on H.R. 1319, or the “American Rescue Plan Act.”** (H.R. 1319, [Roll Call #72](#), Passed 220-211: R 0-210, D 220-1, Levin Voted Yea, 3/10/21)
- **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 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)
- **The Boston Marathon bomber, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, received a \$1,400 stimulus check.** “A U.S. District Court judge agreed to let federal prosecutors use convicted Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev’s \$1,400 COVID-19 stimulus payment, as well as other money held in his inmate trust account, to help pay the millions of dollars he was ordered to pay his victims, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday. In a filing Wednesday, the U.S. attorney’s office in Boston asked a judge to order the federal Bureau of Prisons to turn the money over to the Clerk of the Court ‘as payment towards his outstanding criminal monetary penalties, including unpaid special assessment and restitution.’ In addition to the stimulus payment, Tsarnaev, who’s being held at a maximum security prison in Florence,

Colorado, has received money from dozens of sources during his incarceration, including the federal public defender's office and regular payments from individuals living in Indiana, New Jersey and Maryland, according to the filing by acting U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, Nathaniel Mendell." (Associated Press, "Judge will allow Boston Marathon bomber's \$1,400 stimulus check, other funds to go to victims," [KTLA75](#), 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)