# ***Elaine Luria Voted For A Massive $1.9 Trillion Bill That Primarily Benefits Millionaires And Billionaires In New York, New Jersey, And California. Meanwhile, Virginians Are Struggling With Historic Increases In The Price Of Goods***

**Luria 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, Luria Voted Yea, 3/10/21)

**The American Rescue Plan Was 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 On A Partisan Basis.** "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)

**Soto Called The American Rescue Plan "President Biden's Bold, Strategic Relief Package," And Praised It's Passage In A Press Release.** "'On day one, President Biden promised that help would soon be on the way,' said Congressman Soto. 'Today's vote of the American Rescue Plan puts us on a clear path towards recovery and brings us one step closer to ending this crisis. President Biden's bold, strategic relief package delivers the long-overdue resources needed to meet the needs of Central Florida's families. With a robust national vaccine program, plan to reopen schools and direct checks to Floridians, we're reminded of the hope for a post-pandemic future. I'm proud to join my colleagues to deliver for families across America, and I look forward to the Senate taking quick action. Our constituents cannot wait any longer!'" (Congressman Darren Soto, "Soto Votes To Pass American Rescue Plan Act of 2021," Press Release, 2/27/21)

## The American Rescue Plan Appropriated Far More Funds To States Like New York, New Jersey And California Than To Virginia

**The American Rescue Plane Appropriated Billions Of Dollars To The States For "Fiscal Relief" Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic.** "On Thursday, March 10, President Joe Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) providing $1.9 trillion in fiscal relief to those financially impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and to stimulate economic growth, as well as funds to assist in the massive distribution of the vaccines to stop the spread of COVID-19. Included in ARPA is over $673 billion in direct and targeted funds to state and local governments, the largest of which is $350 billion for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The Fund was one of the more controversial provisions in ARPA with many members of Congress, mostly Republicans, arguing that many states were doing economically better than expected and therefore did not need such a large bailout. At the start of the pandemic shutdown last year, California was forecasted to face a $50 billion deficit in 2021 but by January 8 of this year was projecting a $15.5 billion surplus. Senate Democrats argued that the country needed to avoid a repeat of what happened during and after the Great Recession, when Congress failed to provide sufficient fiscal relief for state and local governments. As a result, states reduced spending by making sizable reductions in government services and employment to balance state budgets, thus prolonging the economic impact of the recession. The U.S. Senate added some additional requirements for states to access the funds." (Neal Osten, "American Rescue Plan Act: $673 Billion For State And Local Governments," Multi State, 3/16/21)

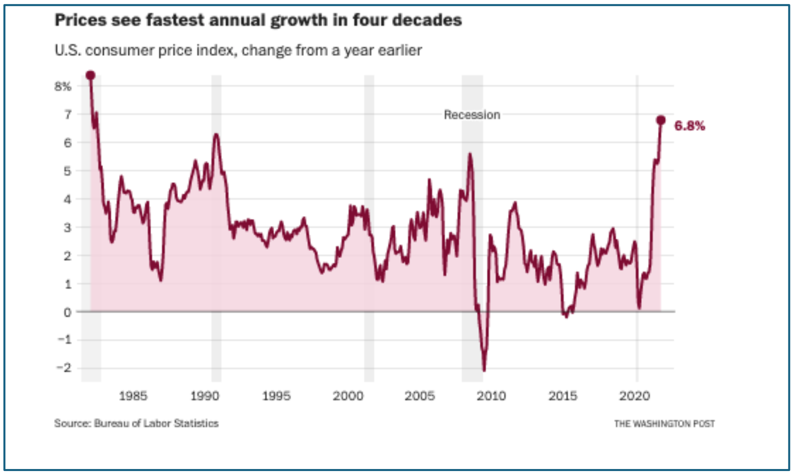
**New York, New Jersey And California Received A Combined $76.6 Billion Dollars From The American Rescue Plan, Compared $6.9 Billion To Virginia.** (Neal Osten, "American Rescue Plan Act: $673 Billion For State And Local Governments," Multi State, 3/16/21)

| State | State Govts | States (Capital Projects) | Local Govts | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 2.210 | 0.192 | 1.730 | 4.043 |
| Alaska | 1.019 | 0.112 | 0.231 | 1.362 |
| Arizona | 4.800 | 0.187 | 2.645 | 7.362 |
| Arkansas | 1.650 | 0.158 | 0.998 | 2.806 |
| California | 26.065 | 0.550 | 16.019 | 42.634 |
| Colorado | 3.954 | 0.171 | 1.944 | 6.068 |
| Connecticut | 2.648 | 0.142 | 1.561 | 4.351 |
| Delaware | 0.913 | 0.112 | 0.337 | 1.362 |
| Florida | 10.232 | 0.364 | 7.027 | 17.623 |
| Georgia | 4.655 | 0.262 | 3.480 | 8.396 |
| Hawaii | 1.632 | 0.115 | 0.524 | 2.272 |
| Idaho | 1.188 | 0.126 | 0.576 | 1.890 |
| Illinois | 7.492 | 0.254 | 5.960 | 13.705 |
| Indiana | 3.060 | 0.202 | 2.594 | 5.856 |
| Iowa | 1.379 | 0.153 | 1.163 | 2.694 |
| Kansas | 1.586 | 0.143 | 0.989 | 2.718 |
| Kentucky | 2.441 | 0.185 | 1.618 | 4.244 |
| Louisiana | 3.209 | 0.180 | 1.796 | 5.185 |
| Maine | 1.209 | 0.129 | 0.494 | 1.652 |
| Maryland | 3.870 | 0.169 | 2.317 | 6.355 |
| Massachusetts | 4.513 | 0.174 | 3.415 | 8.102 |
| Michigan | 5.655 | 0.250 | 4.405 | 10.309 |
| Minnesota | 2.577 | 0.179 | 2.124 | 4.881 |
| Mississippi | 1.805 | 0.166 | 0.932 | 2.903 |
| Missouri | 2.816 | 0.195 | 2.462 | 5.475 |
| Montana | 0.910 | 0.119 | 0.340 | 1.369 |
| Nebraska | 0.976 | 0.128 | 0.667 | 1.771 |
| Nevada | 2.974 | 0.135 | 1.033 | 4.115 |
| New Hampshire | 0.959 | 0.122 | 0.458 | 1.538 |
| New Jersey | 6.434 | 0.190 | 3.564 | 10.188 |
| New Mexico | 1.619 | 0.134 | 0.703 | 2.456 |
| New York | 12.569 | 0.353 | 10.873 | 23.795 |
| North Carolina | 5.276 | 0.277 | 3.388 | 8.942 |
| North Dakota | 1.011 | 0.112 | 0.239 | 1.362 |
| Ohio | 5.638 | 0.274 | 5.325 | 11.237 |
| Oklahoma | 2.174 | 0.167 | 1.308 | 3.649 |
| Oregon | 2.608 | 0.155 | 1.499 | 4.262 |
| Pennsylvania | 7.293 | 0.279 | 6.150 | 13.722 |
| Rhode Island | 1.124 | 0.113 | 0.542 | 1.780 |
| South Carolina | 2.095 | 0.188 | 1.586 | 3.869 |
| South Dakota | 0.978 | 0.116 | 0.273 | 1.366 |
| Tennessee | 3.821 | 0.217 | 2.268 | 6.307 |
| Texas | 16.697 | 0.484 | 10.439 | 27.620 |
| Utah | 1.517 | 0.136 | 1.092 | 2.744 |
| Vermont | 1.052 | 0.113 | 0.197 | 1.363 |
| Virginia | 3.766 | 0.222 | 2.887 | 6.875 |
| Washington | 4.253 | 0.189 | 2.661 | 7.103 |
| West Virginia | 1.249 | 0.138 | 0.677 | 2.064 |
| Wisconsin | 3.206 | 0.189 | 2.316 | 5.711 |
| Wyoming | 1.075 | 0.110 | 0.175 | 1.360 |
| Washington, DC | 1.744 | 0.107 | 0.523 | 2.374 |
| Puerto Rico | 2.463 | 0.162 | 1.569 | 4.195 |

(Neal Osten, "American Rescue Plan Act: $673 Billion For State And Local Governments," [Multi State](), 3/16/21)

## The American Rescue Plan Exacerbated Inflation, Causing It To Reach Its Highest Point In Almost Four Decades

**Consumer Prices Surged At The Fastest Pace In Nearly Four Decades In November 2021, Following Passage And Implementation Of Some Provisions Of The American Rescue Plan Act.** "Consumer prices surged at the fastest pace in nearly four decades in November as Americans paid more for practically everything from groceries to cars to gasoline, solidifying hot inflation as a key trait of the economic recovery." (Megan Henney, "US Inflation Surges To 39-Year High As Consumer Prices Soar," Fox News, 12/10/21)




(Rachel Siegel, "Prices Climbed 6.8% In November Compared With Last Year, Largest Rise In Nearly Four Decades, As Inflation Spreads Through Economy," *The Washington Post*, 12/10/21)

**"The Labor Department Said The Increases For Food And Energy Were The Fastest 12-Month Gains In At Least 13 Years."** "The Labor Department said the increases for food and energy were the fastest 12-month gains in at least 13 years." (Megan Henney, "US Inflation Surges To 39-Year High As Consumer Prices Soar," Fox News, 12/10/21)

***The New York Times* HEADLINE: "A Regional Fed Analysis Suggests Biden's Stimulus Is Temporarily Stoking Inflation."** (Jeanna Smialek, "A Regional Fed Analysis Suggests Biden's Stimulus Is Temporarily Stoking Inflation.," *The New York Times*, 10/18/21)

**According To A Regional Federal Reserve Bank Analysis, The American Rescue Plan Boosted Inflation.** "Inflation is likely getting a temporary boost from the $1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package that the Biden administration ushered in early this year, new Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco research released on Monday suggested." (Jeanna Smialek, "A Regional Fed Analysis Suggests Biden's Stimulus Is Temporarily Stoking Inflation.," *The New York Times*, 10/18/21)

**Researchers Found That The American Rescue Plan Might Raise The Vacancy-To-Unemployment Ratio Close To Its Historical Peak In 1968, Fueling Inflation.** "Based on the package's size and using historical evidence on how fiscal spending affects the labor market, the researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling some inflation — but that the price impact would be small and short-lived." (Jeanna Smialek, "A Regional Fed Analysis Suggests Biden's Stimulus Is Temporarily Stoking Inflation.," *The New York Times*, 10/18/21)

**The American Rescue Plan Extended Supplemental Unemployment Benefits.** "The American Rescue Plan extended unemployment benefits until September 6 with a weekly supplemental benefit of $300 on top of the regular $400 benefit." (American Rescue Plan, Biden White House Archives, Accessed 6/2/25)

**COVID-Related Unemployment Benefits Contributed To Inflation.** "5) Low-wage workers are finally getting raises. Full-service restaurants saw no inflation in April, but fast-food establishments jacked up prices significantly. … With their savings buttressed by stimulus checks — and, for the previously laid off, their sustenance assured by $300-a-week federal unemployment benefits — many American workers have become newly empowered to turn down lousy job offers. This, combined with resurgent demand, has produced a shortage of labor in some sectors, forcing firms to raise wages to attract new hires." (Eric Levitz, The economy June 8, 2021 The Case For (And Against) Worrying About Inflation," *NY Magazine*, 6/8/21)