

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Harry Reid  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
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Dear Senator Reid and Senator McConnell:

As you are no doubt aware, the United States Senate will soon take up bipartisan legislation to stimulate our nation's slowing economy. In advance of these actions, we would like to take this opportunity to respectfully request that you take steps to ensure that the stimulus package includes cash benefits for those citizens whose only source of income is Social Security.


We applaud President Bush, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and House Minority Leader John Boehner for quickly coming to an agreement to stimulate the economy through House legislation that is timely, targeted, and temporary. In our view, however, the final version of this important legislation should include provisions that allow low-income seniors and disabled individuals a much-needed cash rebate. Unfortunately, we were not able to make this important change when the House considered the stimulus legislation.


Our country's seniors and disabled individuals are facing difficult economic times. These Americans have been particularly harmed by ever-increasing health care costs. Moreover, many seniors and disabled individuals are on fixed incomes and rely heavily, if not entirely, on their monthly Social Security checks. For years, these men and women have been forced to survive on less and less as their costs continue to increase and their incomes remain the same.


These Americans need cash rebates just as much as the individuals currently included in the House stimulus package. As such, we once again respectfully request that you support the inclusion of low-income seniors and the disabled in the Senate version of the economic stimulus package.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

  
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