

From: Representative Cindy Axne <IA03CA.Outreach@mail.house.gov> To: Ian.Mariani@mail.house.gov Subject: Have You Received a Direct Payment for Coronavirus? Date: Wed, 22 Apr 2020 08:50:47 -0400 About Contact Issues Media Services For regular updates on my work in Washington and information on when I'll be in your neighborhood, sign up here for my e-newsletter. Friends, Last month, Congress authorized direct payments for Iowans to help families deal with the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. Some of those payments have already reached bank accounts in Iowa, and I wanted to reach out to provide some new information on direct payments and give you a quick update on what I'm working on. How Are You Getting Your Direct Payment? The IRS has launched a portal to help those who qualify for a direct payment. Find it here. As you may already know, the CARES Act authorized direct payments to Iowans to help lessen the financial burdens related to COVID-19. The amount of the rebate depends on family size. The payment is \$1,200 for each adult individual (\$2,400 for joint filers), and \$500 per qualifying child under age 17. The advance payment of rebates is reduced by \$5 for every \$100 of income to the extent a taxpayer's income exceeds \$150,000 for a joint filer, \$112,500 for a head of household filer, and \$75,000 for anyone else (including single filers). If you would like to check the status of your direct payment or update your direct deposit information, you can use the IRS' new portal by clicking here. If you do not usually file taxes, but receive Social Security, SSI, or VA benefits, you can still qualify for a payment. You can add your direct deposit information for the IRS to use for disbursing your direct payment through the portal here. Beware of Scammers Claiming to Be Able to Help You Get Your Direct Payment As direct payments begin to show up in Iowans' bank accounts and mailboxes, please take care when dealing with potential scams that may try to steal personal information or claim that they can help get you your payment faster. The IRS is providing updates on the status of direct payments – but it will never contact you seeking to verify personal information. If someone claiming to be the IRS, the Treasury Department, or an agency that is seeking to expedite your payment contacts you – hang up! Tell your friends and family to watch not only for emails but text messages, websites and social media attempts that request money or personal information. If you do encounter a scam attempt, do not try to engage them online or on the phone. Learn more about reporting suspected scams by going to the Report Phishing and Online Scams page on IRS.gov. Join My Next Coronavirus Telephone Town Hall Over the last few weeks, I've been speaking with Iowa business owners, health care professionals, educators, and local emergency managers on my Virtual District Tour – and they've been sharing with me the burdens they're feeling from the coronavirus outbreak in Iowa. Hearing directly from Iowans allows me to know what to prioritize as Congress works on the next pieces of legislation to respond to this crisis. I hope that you can join me next week on Wednesday, April 29th at 12:50pm CT for my next coronavirus telephone town hall. You can ask questions about legislation we've passed, direct payments, testing, or assistance programs available for Iowa. Sign up to join the town hall at: axne.house.gov/live You can join the call at 12:50p next Wednesday by calling: 866-295-1715 Securing More Funding for Small Businesses and Rural Communities This week, Congress is working on emergency legislation to quickly provide additional funding to help Iowa small businesses, protect our hospitals, and expand testing capabilities to put us on a path to responsibly reopening our state. I'm glad that we're allocating another \$321 billion for the Paycheck

Protection Program – which has been helping Iowa businesses stay afloat and keep their employees on payroll – and that we're reserving \$60 billion in that program specifically for smaller community banks to make sure that our mom-and-pop shops and rural businesses have the same access to loans as larger urban businesses. The bill also provides funding to support an additional \$350 billion of Economic Injury Disaster Loans to provide additional loans for small businesses to go beyond payroll. The bill making its way through Congress this week also has \$75 billion for hospitals and \$25 billion to help expand testing for coronavirus. As we finalize this funding, we will move forward with negotiating additional legislation that will help states and local governments deal with the growing costs of fighting this pandemic, protect our health care and frontline emergency response workers, and invest in infrastructure and rural broadband connectivity to help Iowa recover more quickly from the economic effects of the outbreak. If you have a provision that you'd like to see included in our next bill, write to me and tell me the help that your community needs: axne.house.gov/contact/email-me I look forward to hearing from you! Thank you, Cindy To unsubscribe from updates from my office, [click here](#).