

From: Representative Barbara Lee <Rep.Barbara.Lee@mail.house.gov> To: leedcoffice@mail.house.gov Subject: UPDATE: President Biden Signs COVID Relief Package Date: Fri, 12 Mar 2021 15:27:46 -0500 Dear Friend, Earlier this week, Congress finally secured urgently needed relief for the American people by passing the American Rescue Plan (ARP). Yesterday, the American Rescue Plan was signed into law by President Biden. Finally, help is on the way. This historic \$1.9 trillion relief package will help millions across our country who have been devastated by this public health and economic crisis. This bill provides \$1,400 direct stimulus payments, extends unemployment benefits, invests in equitable vaccine distribution, and much more. As Co-Chair of the Majority Leader's Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity, I am proud to have fought for the expansion of the Child Tax Credit to \$3,000 per child. This key provision of the ARP puts us on the path to cutting child poverty in half. This bill also provides urgently-needed state and local funding for our community in the East Bay, including: Alameda County - \$324 million Oakland - \$192 million Berkeley- \$68 million Piedmont city- \$2 million Albany - \$3.7 million Emeryville - \$2.27 million San Leandro - \$19.1 million There is no doubt that this public health crisis has hit communities of color and medically underserved communities the hardest. Since the start of this pandemic, I have been working to address vaccine inequities and build trust in underserved communities. I am proud to have also fought for funding to address inequities facing communities of color in the American Rescue Plan, which include: \$7.5 billion for CDC and explicit language for underserved populations and enhances COVID-19-related activities in our communities, including community vaccination centers, mobile vaccination units, and transportation of individuals to facilitate vaccinations, particularly for underserved populations. \$1 billion in funding for vaccine confidence activities through the CDC to increase public trust in the vaccine \$47.8 billion in funding for COVID-19 testing, contact tracing, and mitigation activities, establishing and expanding Federal, State, local, and territorial testing and contact tracing capabilities. \$7.6 billion in funding is included for community health centers to provide vaccination, testing, tracing, and community outreach and education activities related to COVID-19. \$7.6 billion to expand the public health workforce. This funding can be used to recruit, hire, and train individuals, including those employed by a nonprofit private or public organization with demonstrated expertise in implementing public health programs and established relationships with such State, territorial, or local public health departments, particularly in medically underserved areas. To read a full summary of the legislation, [click here](#). We have a long way to go to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities, but this historic legislation is a strong step. I will continue fighting for families in the East Bay and across the country who are struggling through this challenging time. We are one step closer to crushing this virus. As always, my office is here for you. If you need help with a federal issue, please call my Oakland office at 510-763-0370. You can also connect with me via email, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Please stay healthy and remember to continue wearing a mask. Best, Barbara Lee Unsubscribe [Open in browser](#) [Open plain text version](#) [\$\$\$Survey.2100160\$\$\$]