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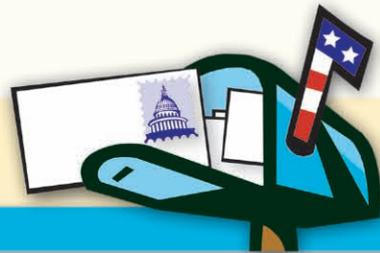
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*Satellite office hours will be established
in the very near future.*



*Congresswoman Tsongas meets with
local officials and discusses what
Congress can do to help victims of
the Lawrence Fire.*

**If you or a loved one has been
affected by the Lawrence Fire**
or if you want to find out how you
can help those who have, please
contact my office at 978.681.6200



Congress in your mailbox.

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“The economic
stimulus package
will give a much-needed
boost to working families
in the 5th District.”

Niki Tsongas



"I'm proud of our bipartisan efforts to stimulate the economy, but I know we have to do a lot more to ease the economic uncertainty our families are facing."

Niki Tsongas

Congress recently passed and the President signed into law a bipartisan economic stimulus package which will provide a tax rebate for working families, senior citizens and disabled veterans in the Fifth District.

In Massachusetts 2.9 million households will receive an average of \$885 in rebates.

The stimulus bill also takes important steps toward helping families avoid foreclosure by expanding loan opportunities.

The package will allow the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) to once again partner with Massachusetts' families who have been unable to fully utilize the program's assistance because of the high cost of housing in the Commonwealth. The higher loan limit will allow families who are worried about defaulting on their mortgage to refinance through FHA and stay in their homes.

"The stimulus package is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when the White House and Congress work cooperatively. I was proud to support it." – Niki Tsongas

Economic Survey

Please fill out my survey and let me know what you feel is the most pressing economic issue that you want me to tackle in Congress. I look forward to hearing from you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care | <input type="checkbox"/> College Tuition Affordability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Mortgage Crisis | <input type="checkbox"/> Job Creation and Retention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gas and Heating Oil Prices | |

Other: _____

Please fill out this survey, cut out, place in an envelope, add postage and mail to my office:

**11 Kearney Square, 3rd Floor
Lowell, MA 01852.**

I thank you for your time and concern about our district.

Frequently Asked Questions About The Rebate

Am I eligible for a stimulus check?

Generally, you are eligible if you file your 2007 income tax return reporting tax liability or have earned income, social security income, or disabled veterans' benefits of more than \$3,000.

Is the stimulus check taxable?

No. This amount will not be included in your 2008 gross income.

What do I need to file to get a stimulus check?

Most taxpayers simply will need to file a 2007 income tax return. There is no additional form needed for the stimulus check. The Treasury Department will determine the amount of the check based on your 2007 income tax return and will automatically send it to you. **NOTE:** There are special filing instructions for recipients of Social Security, Railroad Retirement, and certain veterans' benefits.

When will I receive my check?

Starting in May, the Treasury Department expects to begin issuing stimulus checks to more than 130 million individuals. It is anticipated that the checks will be issued over a period of months through the spring and early summer. Since the check is based on information

Most Social Security recipients and those who receive veterans' benefits are eligible for tax rebates but need to file a 2007 tax return.

contained in your 2007 income tax return, the check will not be issued until you have filed your 2007 return and it has been processed.

What will be the amount of my stimulus check?

The Department of Treasury expects that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will have an economic stimulus calculator on its website (www.irs.gov) for taxpayers to use to calculate the amount of their stimulus check. Taxpayers generally will receive a rebate check of \$600 (\$1,200 in the case of a joint return). Most taxpayers with one dollar (\$1) of income tax will be guaranteed a minimum rebate check of \$300 (\$600 for a joint return).

How can I get more information?

The IRS will mail two informational notices to taxpayers advising them of the stimulus check. The IRS website (www.irs.gov) also has information on the economic stimulus check. In addition, you can call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.



Congresswoman Tsongas discusses local issues with Sudbury residents during her Congress On Your Corner program.

"The goal of this stimulus package is to provide a timely, targeted, and temporary economic boost for working families. Although this economic stimulus package is a good starting point, considerable work remains to be done to rejuvenate our economy. Congress has already begun working on a second stimulus package with a focus on addressing the housing crisis. I am committed to helping address the economic challenges facing families in the Fifth District and will continue to work to reduce the cost of health care, increase access to education, and help drive our economy through the creation of outstanding new jobs."

–Niki Tsongas