

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2308

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Governor Tim Walz
130 State Capitol
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Dear Governor Walz:

During the forced government shutdowns of the last few years, states could send money to their residents tax-free to alleviate some of their financial stress. On January 30, 2023, President Joe Biden stated that he would end the national emergencies related to COVID-19 on May 11, 2023. Although most states were able to get their affairs in order over the three-month period, you did not sign legislation for tax rebates until May 23, 2023, 12 days after the deadline.

Instead of passing critical legislation to ensure that Minnesotans received the full amount of the tax rebates you promised, you and your Democrat-controlled legislature busied yourself with extreme, left-wing, and simply unnecessary policies that were devoid of commonsense or knowledge of what the Minnesota people truly want or need. Here are a few examples of what you prioritized over tax rebates: increasing access to experimental gender reassignment treatments for minors, providing driver's licenses for illegal immigrants, allowing felons to vote, and renaming a highway after Prince.

At a time when inflation and energy prices are crippling Minnesota families, making them choose between putting food on the table or gifts under the Christmas tree for their children, this tax rebate was meant to provide a little financial reprieve. Because of your failures, Minnesotans could lose hundreds of millions of dollars.

That said, I intend to explore all options to rectify this situation to ensure that hardworking Minnesotans are not unduly punished for your ineptitude.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress