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Dear Friend,

It is heartwarming to see so many Americans coming together to care for and serve one another as we confront the coronavirus. As you know Congress passed a series of economic relief packages to help us through this challenging time. I have included below some additional information on economic relief checks and tips about avoiding fraud.

[Check on the Status of Your Economic Relief Check:](#)

The Treasury Department announced a new tool to help individuals check on the status of their economic relief payments and sign up for direct deposit. If you filed taxes for 2018 or 2019 and want to check on your status, [CLICK HERE](#). If you receive Social Security you will get your payment automatically.

[Be on the Lookout for Fraud:](#)

As the federal government works to set up economic relief programs **please be on the alert for fraud and deceit**. Already there are scammers looking to prey on individuals applying for loans and expecting economic relief payments – don't be fooled. **Below are some resources that could help you identify and report fraud:**

[IRS Issues Warning About Coronavirus Related Fraud](#)

Report Fraud to the IRS [HERE](#)

[Social Security Warns of New Scams](#)

Report Social Security Fraud [HERE](#)

Report Fraud to the Small Business Administration [HERE](#)

If you are not sure about a call (or an email) you received, hang up. Do not

give out money or personal information to callers (or email) you are not sure about. You can always call the agency directly. **Remember, government agencies like Social Security may call you in some very limited situations but will never:**

- **Threaten you,**
- **Suspend your Social Security Number,**
- **Demand immediate payment from you,**
- **Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, wire transfer, or**
- **Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or to wire or mail cash.**

I have created a [coronavirus resource page](#) to assist constituents in learning about how they may qualify for economic relief. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact my local office 321-632-1776. We're here to serve you!

Sincerely,



Bill Posey

P.S. Sign-up for regular email updates [HERE](#).

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