

VIA EMAIL

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House U.S. House of Representatives H-232, United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Charles P. Rettig Commissioner Internal Revenue Service 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20224

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Majority Leader United States Senate S-230, United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

December 3, 2020

Dear Mr. Secretary, Commissioner Rettig, Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader McConnell,

RE: Study on CARES Act aid delivery to Americans abroad and recommendations for improvement

Further to the information shared with you throughout the COVID pandemic, Democrats Abroad is pleased to present the findings of our research into the experience of Americans abroad accessing the aid programs in the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Our survey was conducted from October 13 to 31, 2020 and attracted submissions from 4,362 U.S. citizens living in 112 countries.

The research paper enclosed with this letter documents the aid received, the problems experienced and our recommendations for improving the efficiency of aid delivery in future pandemic support packages. We believe the findings are robust and the recommendations are actionable.

Please also find enclosed a 2 page summary of the findings and recommendations.

Please contact Carmelan Polce of our Taxation Task Force (+61 404 767 088 or carmelan@democratsabroad.org) or the undersigned with any questions about the information and recommendations provided herein.

Sincerely,

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