



## **PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNS \$1.9 TRILLION RELIEF BILL STUFFED WITH PORK AND DEMOCRATS' PET PROJECTS UNRELATED TO COVID-19**

*DECEPTIVE "RELIEF" BILL SERVES AS MASS PAYOFF TO  
BAIL OUT POORLY RUN BLUE STATES*

**Albuquerque March 11**—Today's signing of the \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package offers very little in terms of direct pandemic relief, but instead triggers massive spending for progressives' wish lists. This legislation is an excuse to dole out hundreds of billions of dollars in wasteful spending and to also pay out big bucks to special interest groups and blue state governors.

"This bill is a farce and a sham," says Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Steve Pearce. "Very little money in the bill will actually go to COVID-19 relief. It's a tragedy for the American people to see such legislation that's basically a spending spree for Democrats, loaded with such pork. This outrageous price tag will hurt the middle class and will certainly lead to tax hikes and hyperinflation. Americans will pay the price for bailing out debt-ridden blue states that have been so badly managed for years."

The relief bill has very little to do with actual relief for hurting Americans. In fact, less than 10% goes to COVID-19 relief. Just 1% is targeted toward accelerated vaccine distribution.

Here's a breakdown of the so-called relief bill, chock full of fat and Christmas tree items for Democrats:

- More than \$300 billion will go to Democrat-led states to bail them out. That funding is being distributed by a formula that favors primarily blue states.

- More than \$86 billion will go to bail out pension systems that pre-date the pandemic. This represents a huge payoff to the unions that are among the biggest contributors to Democrats.
- Nearly \$2 billion is headed to Amtrak.
- More than \$800 million is going to foreign food aid.
- \$470 million will go to the humanities, arts and museums.
- \$100 million for the EPA to “address health outcome disparities from pollution.”
- \$20 million for “language preservation.”
- Planned Parenthood funding.

The list goes on.

What this bill needed was an actual COVID-19 plan that prioritizes relief and needed assistance.

In addition, Democrats rejected an amendment to block prisoners and illegal migrants from getting relief checks. They also turned down an amendment to hold states that underreport nursing home deaths accountable. Democrats also rejected a provision to help private and parochial schools combat COVID-19.