



Even Conservatives Call For Big Public Investment In Response To The Economic Damage Caused By COVID-19

Prominent voices on the right have called for aggressive public investment to address the economic crisis caused by COVID. From Republican state governors...

"I don't care if it's a Republican plan or a Democratic plan. I don't even care if it's everything everybody wants. We have to get something out to these people that need it, and we have to have it now."

— Larry Hogan (R), Governor of Maryland

"There's no substitute for the size and scope that a federal aid package could deliver."

— Charlie Baker (R), Governor of Massachusetts

"Myself and four other Republican governors wrote a letter to our senators...to tell them that we, as Republicans, are concerned, we need their support, their help in providing for relief for our constituents."

— Phil Scott (R), Governor of Vermont

...to GOP Senators, who balked at Senator Mitch McConnell's (R-KY) suggestion to stall \$2,000 direct checks in December.

"With all due respect to my Republican colleagues, a \$2k direct payment for individuals and families who are struggling is not socialism...In my view, it is necessary in the times in which we live...The country is being overwhelmed by COVID, hospitals are full, and business are hanging by a thread. Direct payments...are extremely necessary."



— Senator [Lindsay Graham](#) (R-SC)

“We cannot ignore the fact that millions of working class families across the nation are still in dire need of relief. Congress should quickly pass legislation to increase direct payments to Americans to \$2,000.”

— [Senator Marco Rubio](#) (R-FL)

“I continue to be flummoxed as to why there aren’t any direct payments on [the December COVID relief package]. Everybody supported this in March,’ Hawley said. ‘It’s the most useful, helpful and, frankly, popular aspect.’”

— Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) via [WABE](#)

The Bottom Line: Many Republicans – from governors to senators – agree that going big on public investment is what’s required for the economy to recover from the damage inflicted by COVID-19.