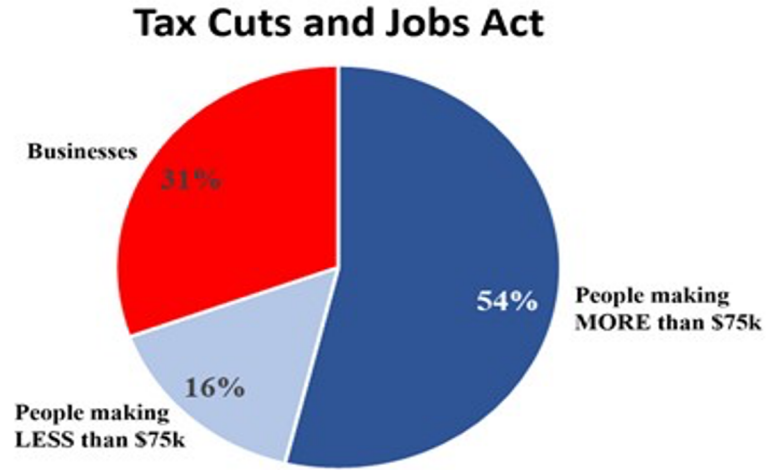


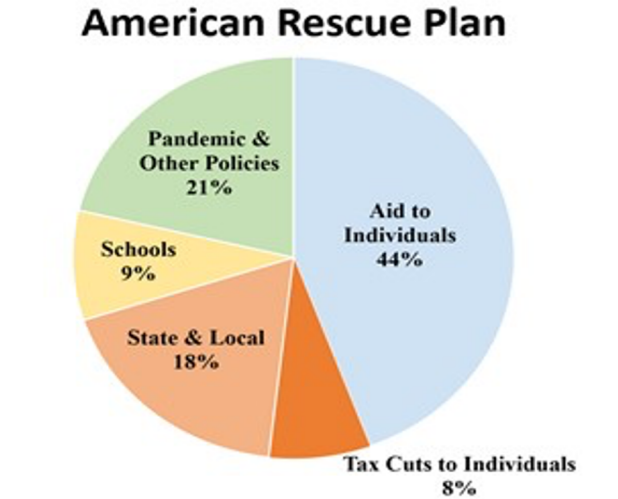


Congresswoman Gwen Moore
**Virtual Town Hall on the
American Rescue Plan**
Tuesday, March 30, 2021

Two Vastly Different Views of Government



Tax Cuts: \$1.9 trillion
Additional Spending: \$0



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Additional Spending: ~\$1.75 trillion

Chart Source: <https://stevenrattner.com/2021/03/steve-rattners-morning-joe-charts-a-tale-of-two-reconciliations/>

Source: Joint Committee on Taxation; Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; Congressional Budget Office
Note: American Rescue Plan estimates for House-approved package

Who does the American Rescue Plan help?

American families

\$1,400 checks

\$424 billion

**State and local aid
(prevent layoffs and service cuts)**

\$350 billion

Unemployment insurance

\$246 billion

Veterans
\$17 billion

Restaurant and bars
\$25 billion

Renters and homeowners
\$40 billion

Other
\$45 billion

FEMA disaster relief
\$47 billion

Farmers, small businesses, and other vital industries
\$109 billion

Vaccinations and health care
\$176 billion

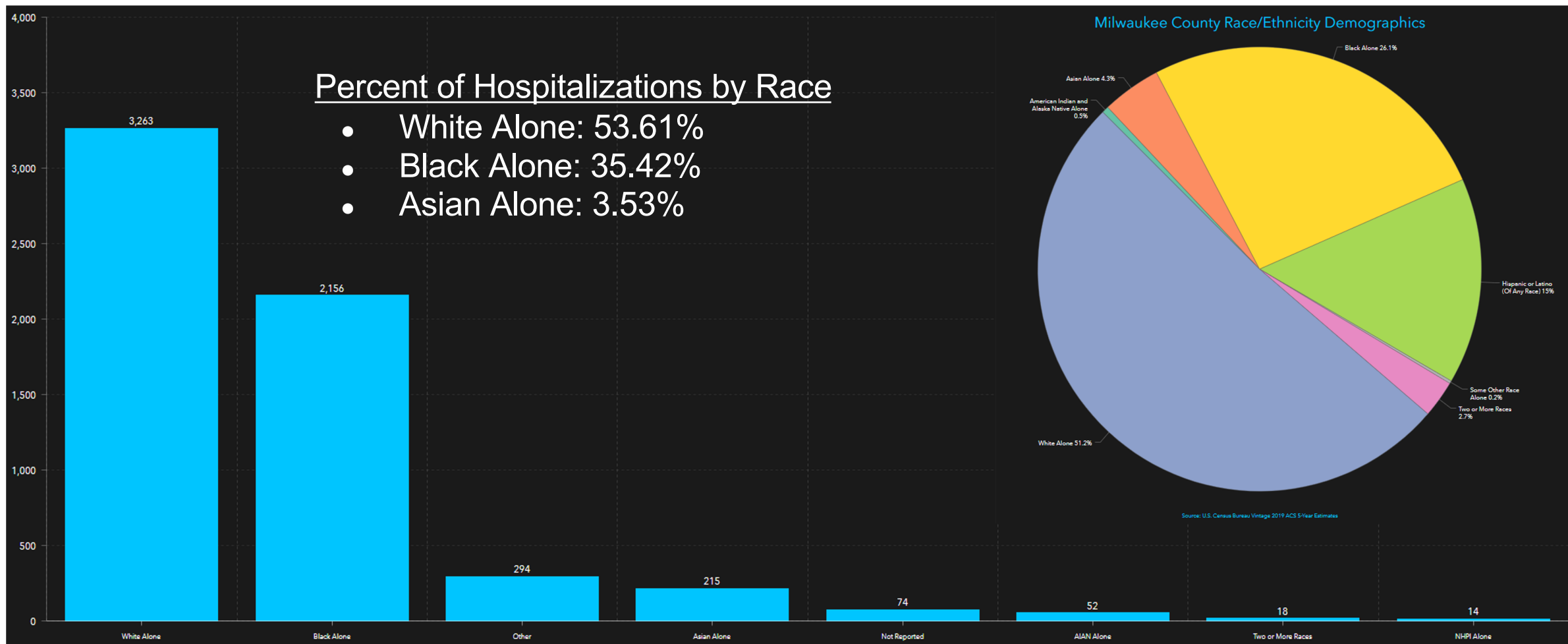
Reopen schools and higher education
\$178 billion

Tax credits, aid, and child care for families
\$219 billion



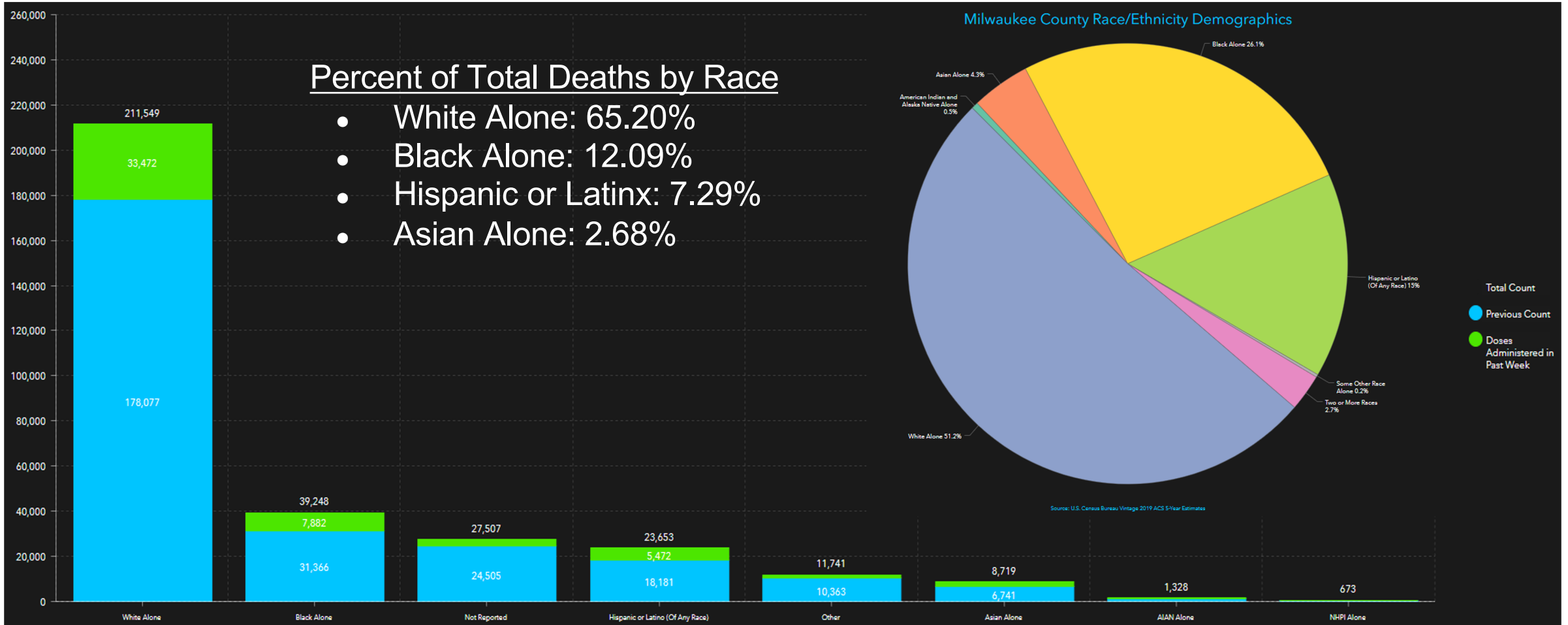
Source: Congressional Budget Office, "Estimated Budget Effects of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021" (2021).

Total Hospitalizations in Milwaukee County



Total Confirmed Hospitalizations (as of 03/29/2021): 6,086

Total Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines Administered by Race/Ethnicity



Total Doses Administered in Milwaukee County (as of 03/29/2021): 324,418

Stimulus Checks

- ARP includes new round of direct checks with \$1,400 for individuals or \$2,800 for married couples plus \$1,400 for each dependents
- Taxpayers will qualify if they have an adjusted gross income of up to \$75,000 for singles and married persons filing a separate return, up to \$112,500 for heads of households, and up to \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns and surviving spouses
- EIPs are not taxable
- Payments will be received through direct deposit, paper checks, and debit cards sent through the mail
 - Payments have primarily been sent to people who filed 2019 or 2020 returns or used the Non-Filers tool on IRS.gov last year.
- Payments to beneficiaries of benefits administered by the Social Security Administration, the Railroad Retirement Board, and the Veterans Administration were delayed
 - Issue has been resolved and payments are currently being sent out

Stimulus Checks, contd.

- Constituents who were eligible for the first and second stimulus checks and who did not receive them automatically or received a smaller amount than expected will need to claim a Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2020 tax returns - even if you don't normally file.
 - Federal & State individual income tax filing due date for this year has been extended to May 17, 2021
- The ARP allows for those to receive an additional payment based on more update tax filings
- The third stimulus checks will not be subject to most types of federal offset (e.g., child support) or federal garnishment. However, because the payments were authorized through the budget reconciliation process, the payments may still be subject to state or local government garnishment and to court-ordered garnishments. I am working with my colleagues to pass garnishment protections separately.

Unemployment Insurance

- The ARP extends supplemental Federal Unemployment Benefits in the amount of \$300 per week, through September 6, 2021
- This federal supplement is in addition to the state unemployment benefits
- The first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits is nontaxable income for households with an adjusted gross income of up to \$150,000
- The tax relief extends to both workers who received benefits through federal unemployment programs and those who received traditional benefits through their state unemployment insurance fund

Child Tax Credit and Earned Income Tax Credit

- CTC increased from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under age 6, and \$3,000 for other children under age 18
- Credit amounts will be made through advance payments during 2021 and will start being distributed in July
 - IRS will establish an online portal for mid-year updates or periodic payment opt-out
 - Payments will be automatic for 2020 returns filed by May 17, non-filers will need to file a return to get the credit
 - Monthly payments would be up to \$300 per month for each qualifying child age 5 and under, and up to \$250 per month per child ages 6-17
- Credit is fully refundable and are not treated as federal taxable income
- EITC eligible workers age range now includes ages 19-24 and ages 65+
- Estimated that 321,000 childless workers in WI will receive up to \$1,000 more through EITC

Child-care Support

- The child care sector will receive a total of more than \$40 billion nationally in relief funding, including:
 - Nearly \$15 billion in child care assistance through the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG)
 - Nearly \$24 billion for a child care stabilization fund for eligible child care providers
- Wisconsin is expected to receive over \$500 million in funding.
- ARP expands the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit to cover half of care costs of as much as half of families' spending on child care for children under age 13
 - Families can receive a total of up to \$4,000 for one child or \$8,000 for two or more children, which is available as a refundable tax credit

Education

- \$130 billion immediately available to State Education Departments, including \$1.5 billion to Wisconsin's K-12 system, to
 - Safely open schools
 - Keep schools open safely
 - Make up for lost learning time
- Head Start: \$1 billion, including over \$15 million going directly to Wisconsin program
- Nearly \$40 billion to support higher education, including over \$560 million to Wisconsin based higher education institutes

Education, cont.

- Student debts expected to be considered in Congress during Higher Education Act reauthorization
- Amount received by local district:
 - Milwaukee Public Schools: \$549.9 million
 - Shorewood Public Schools: \$1.6 million
 - Brown Deer School District: \$2 million
 - Cudahy School District: \$4.9 million
 - Whitefish Bay School District: \$1.4 million
 - St. Francis School District: \$931,000
 - South Milwaukee School District: \$8.2 million
 - West Allis/West Milwaukee School District: \$14.5 million
 - Fox Point/Bay Side School District: \$690,000
 - Glendale/River Hills School District: \$2.2 million

Housing Support

- The Administration has extended the foreclosure moratorium and forbearance for those with federally backed mortgages through June 2021
- The CDC eviction moratorium was recently extended to June 2021
- The ARP includes \$21.5 billion to help families to pay off back-due rent and utility bills. This is in addition to billions made available in the COVID package enacted last December
 - The HUD moratorium for renters in HUD financed properties expires in June 2021.
- The ARP includes \$500 million in separate funding to help with water bills and \$4.5 billion in LIHEAP funding to help with energy bills
- The ARP provides \$5 billion to help those who are homeless and \$100 million for grants to housing counseling providers

Support for Food Insecurity

- Extends SNAP maximum benefits by 15 % through September 30, 2021
- \$1.1 billion in additional SNAP administrative funds to states and \$25 million to improve the state SNAP online pilots
- \$800 million for WIC and temporarily boosts the value of WIC Cash Value Vouchers
- \$37 million to cover food shortfalls in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Maintains and Expands the Pandemic-EBT (P-EBT) Program: the bill invests more than \$5 billion in P-EBT for low-income families to have access to school meals and food assistance during the school year and summer months

Health care

- The ARP did a lot of things to help expand health care coverage. Given the time constraints, I'll highlight a few. Just want to note first that the Administration has extended the current open enrollment period for the federal exchanges through August 15 to allow for both those without insurance and others who may already have insurance through the exchange to see if the recent changes can allow them to find a more affordable or better plan.
- Recognizing that premiums remain a significant barrier to coverage for many Americans, the ARP strengthens the ACA Premium Tax Credits to help middle- and low-income families access affordable, quality healthcare during the pandemic by reducing the individual or family's share of premiums in the subsidy calculation.
- We also eliminated the subsidy cliff at 400% of the poverty level to ensuring a smooth transition rather than a drop-off of subsidy support.

Health Care, cont.

- For 2020, a year of income instability and insecurity for millions of Americans, we protect families from having to repay any of premium credits in the event of income fluctuations.
- The ARP also provides insurance for newly unemployed workers, helping laid off workers keep their employer sponsored health insurance through a 100% subsidy of COBRA.
- For those receiving unemployment insurance that do not have coverage (COBRA or otherwise), these individuals would be able to enroll in the ACA Marketplaces with a robust subsidy regardless of what their previous income levels were.

Vaccines

- The ARP provides tens of billions of dollars to support new initiatives to get vaccines into arms, especially in the most disproportionate communities. Community health centers and mobile vaccination units have been crucial to these efforts.
 - Just last week, the federal government announced that Milwaukee health centers will be getting \$60 million in ARP funding to expand access to vaccines in hard hit but underserved communities.
- The State of Wisconsin continues to expand eligibility and President Biden has made clear that he thinks there will be enough supply to open up eligibility to all adults over age 16 by May 1, 2021.
- \$20 Billion for Vaccines:
 - \$15.5B for Community Vaccination Clinics and Mobile Vaccination Units
 - \$4.5B to accelerate manufacturing and supply chain, vaccine awareness campaign, etc.

Vaccines, cont.

- \$50 billion for Testing
 - \$46.5B: Procure & administer regular screening tests
 - \$3.5B: Invest in U.S. laboratory capacity for diagnostic and screening tests
- I understand that there are groups that we are all concerned are being overlooked, including those who are not mobile and can't leave their homes and those with physical or mental health challenges. On March 16, 2021, Milwaukee County announced a new partnership between the county and Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin to begin delivering information to homebound seniors in need of an in-home vaccine on how they can get vaccinated. Starting Tuesday, Goodwill began including a flyer with the daily meals program they provide to homebound seniors. The flyers inform the seniors that they can call (414)-999-1099 to schedule an in-home vaccination.
- Trust me, I am raising these issues in every conversation I have about vaccines with my colleagues, the Biden Administration, and the Evers Administration. I will not allow any group to be forgotten.

Relief for Businesses

- Throughout the pandemic, Congress has been providing direct assistance through grants, loans, and tax credits to help small businesses stay afloat and help them retain their employees.
- Small businesses are the economic engine of this country and this support has been vital to helping them survive the current challenges. In the ARP, we have bolstered our support in key ways, including:
- Adding \$7.25 billion to the Paycheck Protection Program
- The ARP extends several critical tax benefits to small businesses that are intended to help businesses while retaining their employees, including
 - the Employee Retention Credit which allows businesses to offset their current payroll tax liabilities, and
 - dollar-for-dollar tax credits to offset costs of providing paid leave to employees who may take leave due to illness, quarantine, or caregiving.

Relief for Businesses, cont.

- In separate legislation that President Biden signed today, we are extending the PPP through the end of May and gives the SBA another 30 days to process loans.
- We have also provided \$10 billion to state and Tribal governments to support their small business support and capital access programs.

Support for Local Governments

- The ARP provides \$350 billion dollars in emergency funding for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to remedy the mismatch between rising costs and falling revenues.
- If you look at one of sectors most hit by layoffs over the last year, the public sector, meaning state and local government workers who provide services in our communities, have been hit particularly hard. State and local governments have been forced to lay off 1.4 million public servants due to the pandemic.

Support for Local Governments, cont.

- These resources can be used for all county and city services, including for older Americans, and can be invested in infrastructure, including water, sewer, and broadband services.
- The bill also includes a \$10 billion Capital Project Fund for states and local governments “to carry out critical capital projects directly enabling work, education, and health monitoring, including remote options, in response to the public health emergency.
- Other places in the bill provide funding for infrastructure as well that will benefit our community:
 - Public Transit: \$30 billion
 - Airports: \$ 8 billion
 - Amtrak: \$1.5 billion, enough to restore daily service on long distance routes including the Empire Builder that serves Milwaukee on its way to Seattle.

Support for Older Americans

- The bill provides \$1.4 billion programs authorized under the Older Americans Act (OAA) including:
 - \$740 million for nutrition programs for older Americans
 - \$25 million for services, including nutrition, for Native American communities
 - \$470 million to support home-and community-based support services programs, including support for COVID-19 vaccination outreach and coordination and addressing social isolation
 - \$44 million for health promotion and disease prevention
- \$145 million for the National Family Caregiver Support Program

Additional Resources

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