



## Timeline of Ways and Means Republican Action on UI Fraud

Committee Republicans have been highlighting the problem of fraud in CARES Act unemployment programs since last fall.

- ❖ **November 2020:** We published our first in a series of blogs: “The Way Forward on Unemployment: Stop Criminals from Diverting Billions Away from Unemployed American Workers – House Democrats ignore fraud in pandemic unemployment program.”
- ❖ **December 2020:** We passed the bipartisan Consolidated Appropriations Act and worked hard to include improvements to the pandemic unemployment assistance program, by requiring documentation of prior employment and earnings within 21 days of application and included a phase-out period.
- ❖ **February 2021:** Reps. Wenstrup and Stivers led a group of 37 House members asking the Biden Administration to provide relief to taxpayers who were victims of unemployment insurance fraud.
- ❖ **March 2021:**
  - 03/11: Spotlighted this issue during our mark-up of the American Rescue Plan by having Reps. Nunes, Wenstrup and Hern, introduce amendments that would have prevented fraud in the pandemic unemployment program.
  - 03/15: Sent a [letter](#) to Chairman Neal requesting an oversight hearing and have received no response.
- ❖ **May 2021:** Introduce Combatting COVID Unemployment Fraud Act (H.R. 3268) and Senate counterpart (S. 1699)
  - 05/10: Republican Meeting: “\$60 Billion and Counting: Consequences of Unchecked Pandemic Unemployment Fraud”
- ❖ **August 2021:** Brady, Crapo, Walorski Request GAO to Investigate Fraudulent Activity in COVID Unemployment Insurance Programs
- ❖ **February 2022:**
  - 02/04: Blog: Taxpayers Are Finding Out They’re Victims of Fraud Democrats Ignored
  - 02/18: [Letter](#) to DOL and DOL-OIG: Biden Admin Is Stopping States from Recovering Fraudulent Payments
  - 02/22: Republican Meeting: “Pandemic Unemployment Fraud: \$80 Billion and Counting (Part II)”
  - 02/22: Sent a 2<sup>nd</sup> [letter](#) to Chairman Neal requesting an oversight hearing and have received no response.
- ❖ **May 2022:** [Letter](#) to Attorney General Merrick Garland: Republican Leaders Demand Answers on Billions of Taxpayer Dollars Stolen Due to COVID-Era Fraud
- ❖ **June 2022:** Introduce Chase COVID Unemployment Fraud Act (H.R. 8000) and Senate counterpart (S. 4507)