

H.R. 190, the Saving Gig Economy Taxpayers Act

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Background:

- The Democrats' American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 targeted hardworking Americans by reducing the 1099-K reporting thresholds from \$20,000 in earnings and 200 individual transactions to only \$600, increasing taxes and paperwork burdens on workers, especially those in the gig economy, already trying to make ends meet in the Biden-Harris cost of living crisis.
 - According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, **90% of the tax burden** would fall on filers that make less than **\$200,000**.
- The Biden-Harris Administration knew this rule would hit low- and middle-income Americans violating their pledge to not raise taxes on those making less than \$400,000, which is why they have delayed its implementation each year since ARPA was enacted.
- In December 2023, Ways and Means Republicans sent a letter to IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel calling on him to testify before the Committee regarding the Biden-Harris Administration's refusal to implement their own policy which they forced into law without bipartisan support.
- In February 2024, Commissioner Werfel testified in front of the Ways and Means Committee and evaded questions regarding the IRS's authority to change the Form 1099-K threshold without Congressional authorization.
- Ways and Means Republicans previously took action to stop this attack on working Americans by passing H.R. 3937, the Small Business Jobs Act, which would have repealed Democrats' burdensome tax reporting thresholds.

Issue(s):

- In December 2022, the Biden Administration's IRS unilaterally delayed implementation of this provision for tax year 2022; it did so again in November 2023 for tax year 2023.
- The IRS says it plans to increase the threshold from \$600 to \$5,000 for tax year 2024.
- These unilateral decisions circumvented the law and allowed the Biden Administration to avoid sending over 44 million tax forms in an election year.

The Saving Gig Economy Taxpayers Act:

- Stops the attack on the gig economy and American workers by repealing Democrats' 1099-k law that gives authority to the IRS to target working Americans, gig workers, and those who use Venmo or PayPal to sell items like a used couch, guitar, or concert tickets.
- Reverts thresholds for third-party settlement organizations back to pre-ARPA reporting requirements.

Provision	Saving Gig Economy Taxpayers Act	Democrats' Gig Economy Attack
# of Transactions	200	1
Earnings Threshold	\$20,000	\$600s