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### Economic Stimulus Payments Update, September 7, 2008

To boost the flagging economy, Congress authorized economic stimulus payments that eligible households claim by filing a 2007 tax return. However, the IRS identified about 20 million low-income seniors, disabled veterans and others with disabilities who are not otherwise required to file a tax return and, as a result, are at risk of missing out on their \$300 payments (\$600 for married couples).

On September 7, the IRS announced that 4.3 million people in this group had not yet filed. With the cost of energy, food and other expenses on the rise, the economic stimulus payments are as critical as ever, and assistance is available to those who need it. Eligible people have until October 15 to file for their payments.

<b>Total Remaining to File in Maine:</b>	<b>22,383</b>
<b>Value of Remaining Unclaimed Payments:</b>	<b>\$6,714,900</b>

<b>Unclaimed payments by county</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Number Remaining to File as of 9/7/08</b>	<b>Value of Unclaimed Payments</b>
ANDROSCOGGIN	1,898	\$569,400
AROOSTOOK	1,528	\$458,400
CUMBERLAND	4,010	\$1,203,000
FRANKLIN	561	\$168,300
HANCOCK	959	\$287,700
KENNEBEC	2,356	\$706,800
KNOX	735	\$220,500
LINCOLN	595	\$178,500
OXFORD	1,102	\$330,600
PENOBSCOT	2,538	\$761,400
PISCATAQUIS	386	\$115,800
SAGadahoc	501	\$150,300
SOMERSET	1,036	\$310,800
WALDO	661	\$198,300
WASHINGTON	807	\$242,100
YORK	2,710	\$813,000

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Unclaimed payment estimates by Center on Budget and Policy Priorities