

# U.S. Rep. Steil: Introduces bill to prevent federal prisoners from receiving taxpayer-funded checks

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.**—Today, Congressman Bryan Steil (WI-01) introduced H.R. 1953, the No Taxpayer-Funded Checks for Prisoners Act, preventing federal prisoners currently incarcerated from receiving taxpayer money through the Pelosi Payoff, a \$1.9 trillion liberal spending wish list that passed both chambers by party line votes and was signed into law last week. Congressmen Glenn Grothman (WI-06), Mike Gallagher (WI-08), and Scott Perry (PA-10) are cosponsors of the bill. Read more about Steil's bill in [The Daily Caller](#).

“The American people deserve to know what’s actually included in Speaker Pelosi’s \$1.9 trillion liberal spending wish list. Regardless of ideology or political party, we should all agree that sending taxpayer-funded checks to prisoners has nothing to do with coronavirus relief. Prisoners currently incarcerated are not concerned about covering rent or losing their job due to COVID. However, in the Pelosi Payoff, congressional Democrats supported sending millions of taxpayer dollars to prisoners serving sentences for committing horrific crimes. Sending money to prisoners isn’t COVID relief and it does not help people truly struggling to make ends meet. My bill, the No Taxpayer-Funded Checks for Prisoners Act, reverses Speaker Pelosi’s terrible policy and prevents federal prisoners from receiving a government check, ” **said Steil.**

“Handing out taxpayer money to Wisconsin prisoners to spend at their will is completely irresponsible and asinine. The responsible and right thing to do is to give

the taxpayer money as restitution to the victim(s) of their crimes or apply toward their court costs,” **said Racine County Sheriff Chris Schmaling.**

“The federal government’s generosity has gone too far when inmates are in line to receive taxpayer-funded checks,” **said Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth.**