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# S. 3777

To prohibit payment of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance and Federal  
Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to millionaires.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2020

Ms. ERNST introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation to  
millionaires.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Returning Inappro-  
5 priate Cash Handouts Act” or the “RICH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF PANDEMIC UNEMPLOY-**  
 2 **MENT ASSISTANCE AND FEDERAL PANDEMIC**  
 3 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TO MIL-**  
 4 **LIONAIRES.**

5 (a) PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.—Sec-  
 6 tion 2102 of the Relief for Workers Affected by  
 7 Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of title II of divi-  
 8 sion A of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136)) is  
 9 amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(B)—

11 (A) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the  
 12 end;

13 (B) in clause (ii), by striking the period at  
 14 the end and inserting “; or”; and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 16 clause:

17 “(iii) an individual whose adjusted  
 18 gross income is equal to or greater than  
 19 \$1,000,000.”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 21 section:

22 “(i) PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO MILLION-  
 23 AIRES.—

24 “(1) COMPLIANCE.—Any application for assist-  
 25 ance authorized under subsection (b) shall include a  
 26 form or procedure for an individual applicant to cer-

1       tify that such individual is not prohibited from re-  
2       ceiving such assistance pursuant to subsection  
3       (a)(3)(B)(iii).

4               “(2) AUDITS.—The certifications required by  
5       paragraph (1) shall be auditable by the Department  
6       of Labor or the Government Accountability Office.”.

7       (b) FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COM-  
8       PENSATION.—Section 2104(b) of the Relief for Workers  
9       Affected by Coronavirus Act (contained in subtitle A of  
10      title II of division A of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-  
11      136)) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
12      paragraph:

13               “(3) PROHIBITION ON COMPENSATION TO MIL-  
14      LIONAIRES.—

15               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Federal Pandemic  
16      Unemployment Compensation shall not be pay-  
17      able to any individual whose adjusted gross in-  
18      come is equal to or greater than \$1,000,000.

19               “(B) COMPLIANCE.—Any application for  
20      regular compensation shall include a form or  
21      procedure for an individual applicant to certify  
22      that such individual is not prohibited from re-  
23      ceiving Federal Pandemic Unemployment Com-  
24      pensation pursuant to subparagraph (A).

1                   “(C) AUDITS.—The certifications required  
2                   by subparagraph (B) shall be auditable by the  
3                   Department of Labor or the Government Ac-  
4                   countability Office.”.

5           (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act,  
6 or any amendment made by this Act, may be construed  
7 to apply to regular compensation or extended compensa-  
8 tion (as such terms are defined by section 205 of the Fed-  
9 eral-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act  
10 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note)) to which an individual may be oth-  
11 erwise entitled.

12           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 this section shall apply to weeks of unemployment begin-  
14 ning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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