

OPPORTUNITY ZONES PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

EIG has been the national leader in building consensus behind recommendations that would strengthen transparency, improve guardrails, and enhance how the Opportunity Zones incentive can be used to deliver economic benefits to low-income communities, including:

- Implement comprehensive reporting requirements with penalties for noncompliance to ensure the policy can be properly evaluated over time (as proposed in the bipartisan IMPACT Act).
- Remove OZ designation from higher-income tracts that do not align with the spirit of the policy, which comprise a very small share of OZ communities nationwide.
- Provide additional regulatory flexibility to enable greater investment in affordable housing.
- Enact a one-time extension of the 2026 deadline for investments and tax deferral by two years to recoup time lost to the rulemaking process and attract greater investment in communities hard-hit by the COVID-19 crisis.
- Allow for investment into feeder funds to make it easier for smaller, community-focused efforts to attract the capital they need.
- Provide additional federal resources to states and communities to support local implementation efforts to attract impactful, community-oriented investment.

Additional Background

- EIG supports the Senate's bipartisan [IMPACT Act](#) and House's bipartisan [Opportunity Zone Accountability and Transparency Act](#) that would establish stronger reporting and transparency requirements for the policy.
- In March 2021, the EIG-led OZ Coalition submitted [detailed recommendations](#) to the Biden administration on legislative and regulatory enhancements.
- EIG has called on the Treasury and Congress regularly throughout the regulation drafting process to inform OZ regulations:
 - [EIG Comment Letter to U.S. Treasury](#) (May 2021)
 - [EIG OZ Coalition Recommendations to Biden Administration](#) (March 2021)
 - [EIG Press Release Following WH OZ Report](#) (August 2020)
 - [EIG Comment Letter to the Department of Commerce on RFI](#) (October 2019)
 - [EIG OZ Coalition Letter to U.S. Treasury](#) (July 2019)
 - [EIG OZ Coalition Letter to U.S. Treasury on Data Collection and Tracking](#) (May 2019)
 - [EIG OZ Coalition Letter to U.S. Treasury](#) (December 2018)
 - [EIG OZ Coalition Letter to U.S. Treasury](#) (June 2018)

Additional Resources

- [EIG Spatial Inequality Policy Brief](#) (February 2021)
- [EIG OZ State Of The Marketplace Report](#) (February 2021)