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S. 2779

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude strike benefits
from gross income.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GALLEGO (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND,
Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr.
SCHATZ, and Ms. BALDWIN) introduced the following bill; which was read
twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude
strike benefits from gross income.

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 “Tax Cut for Striking
5 Workers Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. STRIKE BENEFITS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-
8 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended

1 by Public Law 119–21, is amended by inserting after sec-
 2 tion 139L the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 139M. COMPENSATION FOR LOST WAGES RELATING**
 4 **TO A STRIKE, LOCKOUT, OR WORK STOP-**
 5 **PAGE.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual,
 7 gross income shall not include qualified strike benefits.

8 “(b) QUALIFIED STRIKE BENEFITS.—For purposes
 9 of this section, the term ‘qualified strike benefits’ means
 10 compensation provided by a labor organization described
 11 in section 501(c)(5) and exempt from tax under section
 12 501(a) to a member of such organization if such com-
 13 pensation is provided as a replacement, in whole or in
 14 part, for compensation not received by such member from
 15 such member’s employer as the result of a strike or lock-
 16 out arising from a labor dispute (as defined in section 2
 17 of the National Labor Relations Act), or a work stoppage
 18 under the Railway Labor Act.”.

19 (b) TREATMENT UNDER EARNED INCOME TAX
 20 CREDIT.—Section 32(c)(2)(B)(vi) of the Internal Revenue
 21 Code of 1986 is amended by inserting “or 139M” after
 22 “by reason of section 112”.

23 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 24 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal
 25 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by Public Law 119–

1 21, is amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
2 tion 139L the following new item:

“Sec. 139M. Compensation for lost wages relating to a strike, lockout, or work
stoppage.”.

3 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to compensation received after De-
5 cember 31, 2025.

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