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H. R. 3438

To repeal the 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Nadler (for himself and Mrs. Lowey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To repeal the 1993 tax increase on Social Security benefits.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, 3 SECTION 1. REPEAL OF INCREASE IN TAX ON SOCIAL SECU-4 RITY BENEFITS. 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 86 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to social security 7 and tier 1 railroad retirement benefits) is amended by 8 adding at the end the following new paragraph: 9 "(3) Phaseout of additional amount.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar 10

year after 1999 and before 2004, paragraph (2)

shall be applied by substituting the percentage deter-

1	mined under the following table for '85 percent' each
2	place it appears:
	"In the case of a taxable year The percentage is: beginning in calendar year: 75 percent 2000 65 percent 2001 65 percent 2002 60 percent 2003 55 percent."
3	(b) Termination of Additional Amount.—Para-
4	graph (2) of section 86(a) is amended by adding at the
5	end the following new flush sentence:
6	"This paragraph shall not apply to any taxable year
7	beginning after December 31, 2003."
8	(c) Conforming Amendments.—
9	(1) Paragraph (3) of section 871(a) is
10	amended—
11	(A) by striking "85 percent" in subpara-
12	graph (A) and inserting "50 percent", and
13	(B) by inserting before the last sentence
14	the following new flush sentence:
15	"In the case of any taxable year beginning in a cal-
16	endar year after 1999 and before 2004, subpara-
17	graph (A) shall be applied by substituting the per-
18	centage determined for such calendar year under
19	section 86(a)(3) for '50 percent'."
20	(2)(A) Subparagraph (A) of section 121(e)(1)
21	of the Social Security Amendments of 1983 (Public
22	Law 98–21) is amended—

1	(i) by striking "(A) There" and inserting
2	"There";
3	(ii) by striking "(i)" immediately following
4	"amounts equivalent to"; and
5	(iii) by striking ", less (ii)" and all that
6	follows and inserting a period.
7	(B) Paragraph (1) of section 121(e) of such Act
8	is amended by striking subparagraph (B).
9	(C) Paragraph (3) of section 121(e) of such Act
10	is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and by re-
11	designating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B)
12	(D) Paragraph (2) of section 121(e) of such
13	Act is amended in the first sentence by striking
14	"paragraph (1)(A)" and inserting "paragraph (1)".
15	(d) Effective Date.—
16	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
17	graph (2), the amendments made by this section
18	shall apply to taxable years beginning after Decem-
19	ber 31, 1999.
20	(2) Subsection (c)(2).—The amendments
21	made by subsection $(c)(2)$ shall apply to tax liabil-
22	ities for taxable years beginning after December 31,
23	1999