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H. R. 4731

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction from gross income to individuals who do not itemize deductions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2002

Mr. WU introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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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. DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBU-**
4 **TIONS TO BE ALLOWED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO**
5 **DO NOT ITEMIZE DEDUCTIONS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 170 of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 (relating to charitable, etc., contribu-
8 tions and gifts) is amended by redesignating subsection
9 (m) as subsection (n) and by inserting after subsection
10 (l) the following new subsection:

1 “(m) DEDUCTION FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT ITEMIZING
2 DEDUCTIONS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual
4 who does not itemize his deductions for the taxable
5 year, there shall be taken into account as a direct
6 charitable deduction under section 63 an amount
7 equal to the amount allowable under subsection (a)
8 for the taxable year for cash contributions.”.

9 (b) DIRECT CHARITABLE DEDUCTION.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 63
11 of such Code is amended by striking “and” at the
12 end of paragraph (1), by striking the period at the
13 end of paragraph (2) and inserting “, and”, and by
14 adding at the end thereof the following new para-
15 graph:

16 “(3) the direct charitable deduction.”.

17 (2) DEFINITION.—Section 63 of such Code is
18 amended by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
19 section (h) and by inserting after subsection (f) the
20 following new subsection:

21 “(g) DIRECT CHARITABLE DEDUCTION.—For pur-
22 poses of this section, the term ‘direct charitable deduction’
23 means that portion of the amount allowable under section
24 170(a) which is taken as a direct charitable deduction for
25 the taxable year under section 170(m).”.

1 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d)
2 of section 63 of such Code is amended by striking
3 “and” at the end of paragraph (1), by striking the
4 period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting “,
5 and”, and by adding at the end thereof the following
6 new paragraph:

7 “(3) the direct charitable deduction.”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
10 December 31, 2001.

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