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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. LOWEY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Estate Tax Reduction
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. 20 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ESTATE TAX RATES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 2001 of
 3 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read
 4 as follows:

5 “(c) RATE SCHEDULE.—

“If the amount with respect to which the tentative tax is to be computed is:	The tentative tax is:
Not over \$10,000	14.4% of such amount.
Over \$10,000 but not over \$20,000.	\$1,440, plus 16% of the excess of such amount over \$10,000
Over \$20,000 but not over \$40,000.	\$3,040, plus 17.6% of the excess of such amount over \$20,000
Over \$40,000 but not over \$60,000.	\$6,560, plus 19.2% of the excess of such amount over \$40,000
Over \$60,000 but not over \$80,000.	\$10,400, plus 20.8% of the excess of such amount over \$60,000
Over \$80,000 but not over \$100,000.	\$14,560, plus 22.4% of the excess of such amount over \$80,000
Over \$100,000 but not over \$150,000.	\$19,040, plus 24% of the excess of such amount over \$100,000
Over \$150,000 but not over \$250,000.	\$31,040, plus 25.6% of the excess of such amount over \$150,000
Over \$250,000 but not over \$500,000.	\$56,640, plus 27.2% of the excess of such amount over \$250,000
Over \$500,000 but not over \$750,000.	\$124,640, plus 29.6% of the excess of such amount over \$500,000
Over \$750,000 but not over \$1,000,000.	\$198,640, plus 31.2% of the excess of such amount over \$750,000
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,250,000.	\$276,640, plus 32.8% of the excess of such amount over \$1,000,000
Over \$1,250,000 but not over \$1,500,000.	\$358,640, plus 34.4% of the excess of such amount over \$1,250,000
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$2,000,000.	\$444,640, plus 36% of the excess of such amount over \$1,500,000
Over \$2,000,000	\$624,640, plus 39.2% of the excess of such amount over \$2,000,000”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 7 this section shall apply to estates of decedents dying, and
 8 gifts made, after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. UNIFIED CREDIT INCREASED TO EQUIVALENT OF**
2 **\$2,500,000 EXCLUSION; INFLATION ADJUST-**
3 **MENT OF UNIFIED CREDIT.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN UNIFIED CREDIT.—Subsection (c)
5 of section 2010 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (re-
6 lating to applicable credit amount) is amended by striking
7 all that follows “were the applicable exclusion amount”
8 and inserting “. For purposes of the preceding sentence,
9 the applicable exclusion amount is \$2,500,000.”

10 (b) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 2010 of such
11 Code is amended by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
12 section (e) and by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “(d) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of
15 any decedent dying, and gift made, in a calendar year
16 after 2003, the \$2,500,000 amount set forth in subsection
17 (c) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

18 “(1) \$2,500,000, multiplied by

19 “(2) the cost-of-living adjustment determined
20 under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar year by sub-
21 stituting ‘calendar year 2002’ for ‘calendar year
22 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

23 If any amount as adjusted under the preceding sentence
24 is not a multiple of \$10,000, such amount shall be round-
25 ed to the nearest multiple of \$10,000.”

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to estates of decedents dying, and
3 gifts made, after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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