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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from the gross income of interest on bank loans made to churches and religious organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROYCE 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 “Community Faith-
5 based Lending Improvement Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF INTEREST ON BANKING LOANS**
7 **MADE TO CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGA-**
8 **NIZATIONS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-
10 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to

1 items specifically excluded from gross income) is amended
2 by inserting after section 139 the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 139A. BANKING LOANS TO CHURCHES AND RELI-**
4 **GIUS ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 “Gross income shall not include interest received
6 from loans by banks (as defined in section 581) to church-
7 es and religious organizations described in section
8 501(c)(3) that are exempt from tax under section 501(a).”

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 for such part III is amended by adding at the end the
11 following new item:

“Sec. 139A. Banking loans to churches and religious organiza-
tions.”

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
14 the date of enactment of this Act.

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