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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—REFORMS RELATING TO TENANT ELIGIBILITY

- Sec. 101. Average income test.
- Sec. 102. Uniform income eligibility for rural projects.
- Sec. 103. Codification of rules relating to increased tenant income.
- Sec. 104. Modification of student occupancy rules.
- Sec. 105. Tenant voucher payments taken into account as rent for certain purposes.

## TITLE II—CREDIT RATE AND OTHER RULES RELATING TO CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND DETERMINATION

- Sec. 201. Minimum credit rate.
- Sec. 202. Reconstruction or replacement period after casualty loss.
- Sec. 203. Modification of rights relating to building purchase.
- Sec. 204. Modification of 10-year rule; limitation on acquisition basis.
- Sec. 205. Certain relocation costs taken into account as rehabilitation expenditures.
- Sec. 206. Repeal of qualified census tract population cap.
- Sec. 207. Determination of community revitalization plan to be made by housing credit agency.
- Sec. 208. Prohibition of local approval and contribution requirements.
- Sec. 209. Increase in credit for certain projects designated to serve extremely low-income households.
- Sec. 210. Increase in credit for bond-financed projects designated by State agency.
- Sec. 211. Elimination of basis reduction for low-income housing properties receiving energy credit benefits.
- Sec. 212. Restriction of planned foreclosures.
- Sec. 213. Increase of population cap for difficult development areas.

## TITLE III—REFORMS RELATING TO NATIVE AMERICAN ASSISTANCE

- Sec. 301. Selection criteria under qualified allocation plans.
- Sec. 302. Inclusion of Indian areas as difficult development areas for purposes of certain buildings.

## TITLE IV—AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDIT

- Sec. 401. Affordable housing tax credit.

# 1     **TITLE I—REFORMS RELATING** 2           **TO TENANT ELIGIBILITY**

## 3     **SEC. 101. AVERAGE INCOME TEST.**

4           (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 42(g) of  
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

6                   (1) by striking “subparagraph (A) or (B)” and  
7           inserting “subparagraph (A), (B), or (C)”, and

1           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-  
2       lowing new subparagraph:

3           “(C) AVERAGE INCOME TEST.—

4                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—The project meets  
5       the minimum requirements of this sub-  
6       paragraph if 40 percent or more (25 per-  
7       cent or more in the case of a project de-  
8       scribed in section 142(d)(6)) of the resi-  
9       dential units in such project are both rent-  
10      restricted and occupied by individuals  
11      whose income does not exceed the imputed  
12      income limitation designated by the tax-  
13      payer with respect to the respective unit.

14                   “(ii) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO  
15      INCOME LIMITATION.—For purposes of  
16      clause (i)—

17                   “(I) DESIGNATION.—The tax-  
18      payer shall designate the imputed in-  
19      come limitation of each unit taken  
20      into account under such clause.

21                   “(II) AVERAGE TEST.—The aver-  
22      age of the imputed income limitations  
23      designated under subclause (I) shall  
24      not exceed 60 percent of area median  
25      gross income.

1 “(III) 10-PERCENT INCRE-  
 2 MENTS.—The designated imputed in-  
 3 come limitation of any unit under sub-  
 4 clause (I) shall be 20 percent, 30 per-  
 5 cent, 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 per-  
 6 cent, 70 percent, or 80 percent of  
 7 area median gross income.”.

8 (b) RULES RELATING TO NEXT AVAILABLE UNIT.—  
 9 Subparagraph (D) of section 42(g)(2) of the Internal Rev-  
 10 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

11 (1) in clause (i), by striking “clause (ii)” and  
 12 inserting “clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv)”,

13 (2) in clause (ii)—

14 (A) by striking “If” and inserting “In the  
 15 case of a project with respect to which the tax-  
 16 payer elects the requirements of subparagraph  
 17 (A) or (B) of paragraph (1), if”,

18 (B) by striking the second sentence, and

19 (C) by striking “NEXT AVAILABLE UNIT  
 20 MUST BE RENTED TO LOW-INCOME TENANT IF  
 21 INCOME RISES ABOVE 140 PERCENT OF INCOME  
 22 LIMIT” in the heading and inserting “RENTAL  
 23 OF NEXT AVAILABLE UNIT IN CASE OF 20–50 OR  
 24 40–60 TEST”, and

1           (3) by adding at the end the following new  
2 clauses:

3                   “(iii) RENTAL OF NEXT AVAILABLE  
4 UNIT IN CASE OF AVERAGE INCOME  
5 TEST.—In the case of a project with re-  
6 spect to which the taxpayer elects the re-  
7 quirements of subparagraph (C) of para-  
8 graph (1), if the income of the occupants  
9 of the unit increases above 140 percent of  
10 the greater of—

11                   “(I) 60 percent of area median  
12 gross income, or

13                   “(II) the imputed income limita-  
14 tion designated with respect to the  
15 unit under paragraph (1)(C)(ii)(I),  
16 clause (i) shall cease to apply to any such  
17 unit if any residential rental unit in the  
18 building (of a size comparable to, or small-  
19 er than, such unit) is occupied by a new  
20 resident whose income exceeds the limita-  
21 tion described in clause (v).

22                   “(iv) DEEP RENT SKEWED  
23 PROJECTS.—In the case of a project de-  
24 scribed in section 142(d)(4)(B), clause (ii)  
25 or (iii), whichever is applicable, shall be

1 applied by substituting ‘170 percent’ for  
2 ‘140 percent’, and—

3 “(I) in the case of clause (ii), by  
4 substituting ‘any low-income unit in  
5 the building is occupied by a new resi-  
6 dent whose income exceeds 40 percent  
7 of area median gross income’ for ‘any  
8 residential rental unit’ and all that  
9 follows in such clause, and

10 “(II) in the case of clause (iii),  
11 by substituting ‘any low-income unit  
12 in the building is occupied by a new  
13 resident whose income exceeds the  
14 lesser of 40 percent of area median  
15 gross income or the imputed income  
16 limitation designated with respect to  
17 such unit under paragraph  
18 (1)(C)(ii)(I)’ for ‘any residential rent-  
19 al unit’ and all that follows in such  
20 clause.

21 “(v) LIMITATION DESCRIBED.—For  
22 purposes of clause (iii), the limitation de-  
23 scribed in this clause with respect to any  
24 unit is—

1 “(I) the imputed income limita-  
 2 tion designated with respect to such  
 3 unit under paragraph (1)(C)(ii)(I), in  
 4 the case of a unit which was taken  
 5 into account as a low-income unit  
 6 prior to becoming vacant, and

7 “(II) the imputed income limita-  
 8 tion which would have to be des-  
 9 ignated with respect to such unit  
 10 under such paragraph in order for the  
 11 project to continue to meet the re-  
 12 quirements of paragraph  
 13 (1)(C)(ii)(II), in the case of any other  
 14 unit.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 16 this section shall apply to elections made under section  
 17 42(g)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after the  
 18 date of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 102. UNIFORM INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL**  
 20 **PROJECTS.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (8) of section 42(i) of  
 22 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking  
 23 the second sentence.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
 3 December 31, 2017.

4 **SEC. 103. CODIFICATION OF RULES RELATING TO IN-**  
 5 **CREASED TENANT INCOME.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section 42(g)(2)(D)  
 7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by this  
 8 Act, is amended by striking “clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv)”  
 9 and all that follows and inserting “clauses (ii), (iii), (iv),  
 10 and (vi), notwithstanding an increase in the income of the  
 11 occupants above the income limitation applicable under  
 12 paragraph (1)—

13 “(I) a low-income unit shall con-  
 14 tinue to be treated as a low-income  
 15 unit if the income of such occupants  
 16 initially was 60 percent or less of area  
 17 median gross income and such unit  
 18 continues to be rent-restricted, and

19 “(II) a unit to which, at the time  
 20 of initial occupancy by such occu-  
 21 pants, any Federal, State, or local  
 22 government income restriction ap-  
 23 plied, and which subsequently becomes  
 24 part of a building with respect to  
 25 which rehabilitation expenditures are



1           taken into account under subsection  
2           (e), shall be treated as a low-income  
3           unit if the income of such occupants  
4           initially was 60 percent or less of area  
5           median gross income and does not ex-  
6           ceed 120 percent of area median gross  
7           income as of the date of acquisition of  
8           the property by the taxpayer.”.

9           (b) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (D) of section  
10 42(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amend-  
11 ed by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
12 lowing new clause:

13                   “(vi) EXCEPTION TO RULE RELATING  
14           TO INCREASED TENANT INCOME.—In the  
15           case of an occupant of a low-income unit  
16           who initially qualified to occupy such unit  
17           by reason of paragraph (1)(C) with an in-  
18           come in excess of 60 percent of area me-  
19           dian gross income but not in excess of 80  
20           percent of area median gross income,  
21           clause (i) shall be applied for substituting  
22           ‘80 percent’ for ‘60 percent’ each place it  
23           appears.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
 3 December 31, 2016.

4 **SEC. 104. MODIFICATION OF STUDENT OCCUPANCY RULES.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (D) of section  
 6 42(i)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
 7 to read as follows:

8               “(D) RULES RELATING TO STUDENTS.—

9               “(i) IN GENERAL.—A unit occupied  
 10 solely by individuals who—

11                       “(I) have not attained age 24,  
 12 and

13                       “(II) are enrolled in a full-time  
 14 course of study at an institution of  
 15 higher education (as defined in section  
 16 3304(f)),  
 17 shall not be treated as a low-income unit.

18               “(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN FED-  
 19 ERAL PROGRAMS.—In the case of a feder-  
 20 ally assisted building (as defined in sub-  
 21 section (d)(6)(C)(i)), clause (i) shall not  
 22 apply to a unit the occupants of which  
 23 meet all requirements applicable under the  
 24 housing program described in subsection

1 (d)(6)(C)(i) through which the building is  
2 assisted, financed, or operated.

3 “(iii) OTHER EXCEPTIONS.—Clause  
4 (i) shall not apply to a unit occupied by an  
5 individual who—

6 “(I) is married,

7 “(II) is a person with disabilities  
8 (as defined in section 3(b)(3)(E) of  
9 the United States Housing Act of  
10 1937),

11 “(III) is a veteran (as defined in  
12 section 101(2) of title 38, United  
13 States Code),

14 “(IV) has one or more qualifying  
15 children (as defined in section  
16 152(c)), or

17 “(V) meets the income limitation  
18 applicable under subsection (g)(1) to  
19 the project of which the building is a  
20 part and is, or was immediately prior  
21 to attaining the age of majority—

22 “(aa) an emancipated minor  
23 or in legal guardianship as deter-  
24 mined by a court of competent

1 jurisdiction in the individual's  
2 State of legal residence,

3 “(bb) under the care and  
4 placement responsibility of the  
5 State agency responsible for ad-  
6 ministering a plan under part B  
7 or part E of title IV of the Social  
8 Security Act, or

9 “(cc) was an unaccompanied  
10 youth (within the meaning of sec-  
11 tion 725(6) of the McKinney-  
12 Vento Homeless Assistance Act  
13 (42 U.S.C. 11434a(6))) or a  
14 homeless child or youth (within  
15 the meaning of section 725(2) of  
16 such Act (42 U.S.C.  
17 11434a(2))).”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
20 December 31, 2017.

21 **SEC. 105. TENANT VOUCHER PAYMENTS TAKEN INTO AC-**  
22 **COUNT AS RENT FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (B) of section  
24 42(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
25 by adding at the end the following new sentence: “In the

1 case of a project with respect to which the taxpayer elects  
 2 the requirements of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1),  
 3 or the portion of a project to which subsection (d)(5)(C)  
 4 applies, clause (i) shall not apply with respect to any ten-  
 5 ant-based assistance (as defined in section 8(f)(7) of the  
 6 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
 7 1437f(f)(7))).”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 9 this section shall apply to rent paid in taxable years begin-  
 10 ning after December 31, 2017.

## 11 **TITLE II—CREDIT RATE AND** 12 **OTHER RULES RELATING TO** 13 **CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND DE-** 14 **TERMINATION**

### 15 **SEC. 201. MINIMUM CREDIT RATE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 42 of the  
 17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

18 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
 19 graph (4), and

20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
 21 lowing new paragraph:

22 “(3) MINIMUM CREDIT RATE.—In the case of  
 23 any new or existing building to which paragraph (2)  
 24 does not apply and which is placed in service by the

1 taxpayer after December 31, 2016, the applicable  
2 percentage shall not be less than 4 percent.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after  
5 December 31, 2016.

6 **SEC. 202. RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT PERIOD**  
7 **AFTER CASUALTY LOSS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (E) of section  
9 42(j)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
10 by striking “a reasonable period established by the Sec-  
11 retary” and inserting “a reasonable period established by  
12 the applicable housing credit agency (not to exceed 25  
13 months from the date on which the casualty loss arises).  
14 The determination under paragraph (1) shall not be made  
15 with respect to a property the basis of which is affected  
16 by a casualty loss until the period described in the pre-  
17 ceding sentence with respect to such property has ex-  
18 pired.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 this section shall apply to casualty losses arising after the  
21 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 203. MODIFICATION OF RIGHTS RELATING TO BUILD-**  
 2 **ING PURCHASE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section  
 4 42(i)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
 5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “a right of 1st refusal” and in-  
 7 serting “an option”, and

8 (2) by striking “the property” and inserting  
 9 “the property or a partnership interest relating to  
 10 the property”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subparagraph (B)  
 12 of section 42(i)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
 13 is amended by adding at the end the following new sen-  
 14 tence: “In the case of a purchase of a partnership interest,  
 15 the minimum purchase price is an amount equal to such  
 16 interest’s ratable share of the amount determined under  
 17 the first sentence of this subparagraph.”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 19 this section shall apply to agreements entered into or  
 20 amended after the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 204. MODIFICATION OF 10-YEAR RULE; LIMITATION ON**  
 22 **ACQUISITION BASIS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (ii) of section 42(d)(2)(B)  
 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-  
 25 serting “, or the taxpayer elects the application of sub-  
 26 paragraph (C)(ii)” after “service”.

1 (b) LIMITATION ON ACQUISITION BASIS.—Subpara-  
2 graph (C) of section 42(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
3 Code of 1986 is amended—

4 (1) by striking “For purposes of subparagraph  
5 (A), the adjusted basis” and inserting “For pur-  
6 poses of subparagraph (A)—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The adjusted  
8 basis”, and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
10 clauses:

11 “(ii) BUILDINGS IN SERVICE WITHIN  
12 PREVIOUS 10 YEARS.—If the period be-  
13 tween the date of acquisition of the build-  
14 ing by the taxpayer and the date the build-  
15 ing was last placed in service is less than  
16 10 years, the taxpayer’s basis attributable  
17 to the acquisition of the building which is  
18 taken into account in determining the ad-  
19 justed basis shall not exceed the sum of—

20 “(I) the lowest amount paid for  
21 acquisition of the building by any per-  
22 son during the 10 years preceding the  
23 date of the acquisition of the building  
24 by the taxpayer, adjusted as provided  
25 in clause (iii), and



1 “(II) the value of any capital im-  
2 provements made by the person who  
3 sells the building to the taxpayer  
4 which are reflected in such seller’s  
5 basis.

6 “(iii) ADJUSTMENT.—With respect to  
7 a basis determination made in any taxable  
8 year, the amount described in clause (ii)(I)  
9 shall be increased by an amount equal to—

10 “(I) such amount, multiplied by  
11 “(II) a cost-of-living adjustment,  
12 determined in the same manner as  
13 under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar  
14 year in which the taxable year begins  
15 by taking into account the acquisition  
16 year in lieu of calendar year 1992.

17 For purposes of the preceding sentence,  
18 the acquisition year is the calendar year in  
19 which the lowest amount referenced in  
20 clause (ii)(I) was paid for the acquisition  
21 of the building.”.

22 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Clause (i) of sec-  
23 tion 42(d)(2)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
24 is amended—

1           (1) by striking “FOR SUBPARAGRAPH (B)” in  
2           the heading, and

3           (2) by striking “subparagraph (B)(ii)” in the  
4           matter preceding subclause (I) and inserting “sub-  
5           paragraph (B)(ii) or (C)(ii)”.

6           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
7           this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after  
8           December 31, 2016.

9           **SEC. 205. CERTAIN RELOCATION COSTS TAKEN INTO AC-**  
10           **COUNT AS REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES.**

11           (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 42(e) of  
12           the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding  
13           at the end the following new subparagraph:

14                   “(C) CERTAIN RELOCATION COSTS.—In  
15                   the case of a rehabilitation of a building to  
16                   which section 280B does not apply, costs relat-  
17                   ing to the relocation of occupants, including—

18                           “(i) amounts paid to occupants,

19                           “(ii) amounts paid to third parties for  
20                           services relating to such relocation, and

21                           “(iii) amounts paid for temporary  
22                           housing for occupants,

23                   shall be treated as chargeable to capital account  
24                   and taken into account as rehabilitation ex-  
25                   penditures.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 2 this section shall apply to expenditures paid or incurred  
 3 after December 31, 2016.

4 **SEC. 206. REPEAL OF QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT POPU-**  
 5 **LATION CAP.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (ii) of section 42(d)(5)(B)  
 7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—  
 8 (1) by striking subclauses (II) and (III), and  
 9 (2) by striking “QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT.—  
 10 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term”,  
 11 and inserting “QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT.—The  
 12 term”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.—Sections  
 14 42(d)(4)(C)(i) and 42(m)(1)(B)(ii)(III) of the Internal  
 15 Revenue Code of 1986 are each amended by striking “as  
 16 defined in paragraph (5)(C)” and inserting “as defined  
 17 in paragraph (5)(B)(ii)”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 19 subsection (a) shall apply to designations of qualified cen-  
 20 sus tracts under section 42(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the Internal  
 21 Revenue Code of 1986 after December 31, 2017.

1 **SEC. 207. DETERMINATION OF COMMUNITY REVITALIZA-**  
2 **TION PLAN TO BE MADE BY HOUSING CREDIT**  
3 **AGENCY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (III) of section  
5 42(m)(1)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
6 amended by inserting “, as determined by the housing  
7 credit agency according to criteria established by such  
8 agency,” after “(d)(5)(C)) and”.

9 (b) CRITERIA.—Paragraph (1) of section 42(m) of  
10 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding  
11 at the end the following new subparagraph:

12 “(E) CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION RE-  
13 LATING TO CONCERTED COMMUNITY REVITAL-  
14 IZATION PLAN.—For purposes of subparagraph  
15 (B)(ii)(III), the criteria which shall be estab-  
16 lished by a housing credit agency for deter-  
17 mining whether the development of a project  
18 contributes to a concerted community develop-  
19 ment plan shall take into account any factors  
20 the agency deems appropriate, including the ex-  
21 tent to which the proposed plan—

22 “(i) is geographically specific,

23 “(ii) outlines a clear plan for imple-  
24 mentation and goals for outcomes,

25 “(iii) includes a strategy for applying  
26 for or obtaining commitments of public or

1 private investment (or both) in nonhousing  
 2 infrastructure, amenities, or services, and  
 3 “(iv) demonstrates the need for com-  
 4 munity revitalization.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 6 this section shall apply to allocations of housing credit dol-  
 7 lar amounts made under qualified allocation plans (as de-  
 8 fined in section 42(m)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 9 of 1986) adopted after December 31, 2017.

10 **SEC. 208. PROHIBITION OF LOCAL APPROVAL AND CON-**  
 11 **TRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 42(m)  
 13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by sec-  
 14 tion 207, is further amended—

15 (1) by striking clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)  
 16 and by redesignating clauses (iii) and (iv) thereof as  
 17 clauses (ii) and (iii), and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 19 paragraph:

20 “(F) LOCAL APPROVAL OR CONTRIBUTION  
 21 NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The selection cri-  
 22 teria under a qualified allocation plan shall not  
 23 include consideration of—

1 “(i) any support or opposition with re-  
 2 spect to the project from local or elected  
 3 officials, or

4 “(ii) any local government contribu-  
 5 tion to the project, except to the extent  
 6 such contribution is taken into account as  
 7 part of a broader consideration of the  
 8 project’s ability to leverage outside funding  
 9 sources, and is not prioritized over any  
 10 other source of outside funding.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 12 this section shall apply to allocations of housing credit dol-  
 13 lar amounts made after December 31, 2017.

14 **SEC. 209. INCREASE IN CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS**  
 15 **DESIGNATED TO SERVE EXTREMELY LOW-IN-**  
 16 **COME HOUSEHOLDS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (5) of section 42(d) of  
 18 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding  
 19 at the end the following new subparagraph:

20 “(C) INCREASE IN CREDIT FOR PROJECTS  
 21 DESIGNATED TO SERVE EXTREMELY LOW-IN-  
 22 COME HOUSEHOLDS.—In the case of any build-  
 23 ing—

24 “(i) 20 percent or more of the resi-  
 25 dential units in which are designated by

1 the taxpayer for occupancy by households  
2 the aggregate household income of which  
3 does not exceed the greater of—

4 “(I) 30 percent of area median  
5 gross income, or

6 “(II) 100 percent of an amount  
7 equal to the Federal poverty line  
8 (within the meaning of section  
9 36B(d)(3)), and

10 “(ii) which is designated by the hous-  
11 ing credit agency as requiring the increase  
12 in credit under this subparagraph in order  
13 for such building to be financially feasible  
14 as part of a qualified low-income housing  
15 project,

16 subparagraph (B) shall not apply to the portion  
17 of such building which is comprised of such  
18 units, and the eligible basis of such portion of  
19 the building shall be 150 percent of such basis  
20 determined without regard to this subpara-  
21 graph.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
23 this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after  
24 December 31, 2016.

1 **SEC. 210. INCREASE IN CREDIT FOR BOND-FINANCED**  
2 **PROJECTS DESIGNATED BY STATE AGENCY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (v) of section 42(d)(5)(B)  
4 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-  
5 ing the second sentence.

6 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Clause (v) of section  
7 42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
8 amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

9 (1) by striking “STATE” in the heading, and

10 (2) by striking “State housing credit agency”  
11 and inserting “housing credit agency”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after  
14 December 31, 2016.

15 **SEC. 211. ELIMINATION OF BASIS REDUCTION FOR LOW-IN-**  
16 **COME HOUSING PROPERTIES RECEIVING EN-**  
17 **ERGY CREDIT BENEFITS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 50(c) of  
19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
21 graph (A),

22 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
23 paragraph (B) and inserting “, and”, and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
25 paragraph:



1           “(C) paragraph (1) shall not apply to any  
2           property with respect to which a credit is al-  
3           lowed under section 42.”.

4           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply to property placed in service after  
6 December 31, 2016.

7 **SEC. 212. RESTRICTION OF PLANNED FORECLOSURES.**

8           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subclause (I) of section  
9 42(h)(6)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11                       “(I) on the 61st day after the  
12                       taxpayer (or a successor in interest)  
13                       provides notice to the housing credit  
14                       agency that the building has been ac-  
15                       quired by foreclosure (or instrument  
16                       in lieu of foreclosure) and that the  
17                       taxpayer intends the termination of  
18                       such period, unless the housing credit  
19                       agency determines that such acquisi-  
20                       tion is part of an arrangement with  
21                       the taxpayer a purpose of which is to  
22                       terminate such period, or”.

23           (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—The second sen-  
24 tence of clause (i) of section 42(h)(6)(E) of the Internal

1 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Subclause  
2 (II)” and inserting “Subclauses (I) and (II)”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to acquisitions by foreclosure (or  
5 instrument in lieu of foreclosure) after December 31,  
6 2017.

7 **SEC. 213. INCREASE OF POPULATION CAP FOR DIFFICULT**  
8 **DEVELOPMENT AREAS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (II) of section  
10 42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
11 amended by striking “20 percent” and inserting “30 per-  
12 cent”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
14 this section shall apply to designations made under section  
15 42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
16 after December 31, 2017.

17 **TITLE III—REFORMS RELATING**  
18 **TO NATIVE AMERICAN AS-**  
19 **SISTANCE**

20 **SEC. 301. SELECTION CRITERIA UNDER QUALIFIED ALLO-**  
21 **CATION PLANS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C) of section  
23 42(m)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
24 ed by striking “and” at the end of clause (ix), by striking

1 the period at the end of clause (x) and inserting “, and”,  
 2 and by adding at the end the following new clause:

3 “(xi) the affordable housing needs of  
 4 individuals in the State who are members  
 5 of Indian tribes (as defined in section  
 6 45A(c)(6)).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 8 this section shall apply to allocations of credits under sec-  
 9 tion 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 made after  
 10 December 31, 2017.

11 **SEC. 302. INCLUSION OF INDIAN AREAS AS DIFFICULT DE-**  
 12 **VELOPMENT AREAS FOR PURPOSES OF CER-**  
 13 **TAIN BUILDINGS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (I) of section  
 15 42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
 16 amended by inserting before the period the following: “,  
 17 and any Indian area”.

18 (b) INDIAN AREA.—Clause (iii) of section  
 19 42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is  
 20 amended by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause  
 21 (III) and by inserting after subclause (I) the following new  
 22 subclause:

23 “(II) INDIAN AREA.—For pur-  
 24 poses of subclause (I), the term ‘In-  
 25 dian area’ means any Indian area (as

1 defined in section 4(11) of the Native  
2 American Housing Assistance and  
3 Self Determination Act of 1996 (25  
4 U.S.C. 4103(11)).”.

5 (c) ELIGIBLE BUILDINGS.—Clause (iii) of section  
6 42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
7 amended by subsection (b), is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following new subclause:

9 “(IV) SPECIAL RULE FOR BUILD-  
10 INGS IN INDIAN AREAS.—In the case  
11 of an area which is a difficult develop-  
12 ment area solely because it is an In-  
13 dian area, a building shall not be  
14 treated as located in such area unless  
15 such building is assisted or financed  
16 under the Native American Housing  
17 Assistance and Self Determination  
18 Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.)  
19 or the project sponsor is an Indian  
20 tribe (as defined in section  
21 45A(c)(6)), a tribally designated hous-  
22 ing entity (as defined in section 4(22)  
23 of such Act (25 U.S.C. 4103(22))), or  
24 wholly owned or controlled by such an

1 Indian tribe or tribally designated  
2 housing entity.”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after  
5 December 31, 2017.

6 **TITLE IV—AFFORDABLE**  
7 **HOUSING TAX CREDIT**

8 **SEC. 401. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDIT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The heading of section 42 of the  
10 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking  
11 “**LOW-INCOME**” and inserting “**AFFORDABLE**”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) Subsection (a) of section 42 of the Internal  
14 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “low-  
15 income” and inserting “affordable”.

16 (2) Paragraph (5) of section 38(b) of such Code  
17 is amended by striking “low-income” and inserting  
18 “affordable”.

19 (3) The heading of subparagraph (D) of section  
20 469(i)(3) of such Code is amended by striking  
21 “LOW-INCOME” and inserting “AFFORDABLE”.

22 (4) The heading of subparagraph (B) of section  
23 469(i)(6) of such Code is amended by striking  
24 “LOW-INCOME” and inserting “AFFORDABLE”.

1           (5) Paragraph (7) of section 772(a) of such  
2       Code is amended by striking “low-income” and in-  
3       serting “affordable”.

4           (6) Paragraph (5) of section 772(d) of such  
5       Code is amended by striking “low-income” and in-  
6       serting “affordable”.

7       (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to  
8       section 42 in the table of sections for subpart D of part  
9       IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue  
10      Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 42. Affordable housing credit.”.

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