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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make permanent certain changes made by Public Law 115–97 to the child tax credit.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Mr. BLUM, Mrs. HANDEL, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. MAST, Mr. BARR, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. HURD, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BUDD, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, and Mr. CURBELO of Florida) 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 “Permanent Tax Relief
5 for Working Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AND MODIFICATION OF CHILD TAX**
2 **CREDIT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Rev-
4 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

5 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—There shall be al-
8 lowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter
9 for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of—

10 “(1) \$2,000 for each qualifying child of the tax-
11 payer, and

12 “(2) \$500 for each dependent of the taxpayer
13 (as defined in section 152, without regard to all that
14 follows ‘resident of the United States’ in section
15 152(b)(3)(A)) other than a qualifying child.”,

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) by striking “the threshold amount” in
18 paragraph (1) and inserting “\$400,000 in the
19 case of a joint return (\$200,000 in any other
20 case)”,

21 (B) by striking paragraph (2), and

22 (C) by striking “LIMITATIONS” and all
23 that follows through “The amount” and insert-
24 ing “LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS
25 INCOME.—The amount”,

(3) in subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking all that follows “under this section” and inserting the following: “determined—

“(i) by substituting ‘\$1,400’ for ‘\$2,000’ in subsection (a)(1),

“(ii) without regard to subsection (a)(2), and

“(iii) without regard to this subsection and the limitation under section 26(a).”,

(4) in subsection (d)(1)(B)(i), by striking “\$3,000” and inserting “\$2,500”,

(5) by inserting after subsection (d)(2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—In the case of a taxable year beginning after 2018, the \$1,400 amount in paragraph (1)(A) shall be increased by an amount equal to—

“(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

“(B) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar year in which the taxable year begins, determined by substituting ‘2017’ for ‘2016’ in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.

1 If any increase under this paragraph is not a mul-
2 tiple of \$100, such increase shall be rounded to the
3 next lowest multiple of \$100.”,

4 (6) by amending subsection (e) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(e) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

7 “(1) TAXPAYER.—No credit shall be allowed
8 under this section if the identifying number of the
9 taxpayer was issued after the due date for filing the
10 return for the taxable year.

11 “(2) QUALIFYING CHILD.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No credit shall be al-
13 lowed under this section to a taxpayer with re-
14 spect to any qualifying child unless the taxpayer
15 includes the social security number of such
16 child on the return of tax for the taxable year.

17 “(B) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER DE-
18 FINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the
19 term ‘social security number’ means a social se-
20 curity number issued to an individual by the
21 Social Security Administration, but only if the
22 social security number is issued—

23 “(i) to a citizen of the United States
24 or pursuant to subclause (I) (or that por-
25 tion of subclause (III) that relates to sub-

1 clause (I)) of section 205(c)(2)(B)(i) of the
2 Social Security Act, and

3 “(ii) before the due date for such re-
4 turn.

5 “(C) TREATMENT OF QUALIFYING CHIL-
6 DREN DISALLOWED CREDIT.—In the case of
7 any qualifying child with respect to whom a
8 credit is not allowed under this section by rea-
9 son of subparagraph (A), such child shall be
10 treated as a dependent to whom subsection
11 (a)(2) applies.”, and
12 (7) by striking subsection (h).

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
15 ment of section 11022 of Public Law 115–97.

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