

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1704

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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and extend the deduction for charitable contributions  
for individuals not itemizing deductions.

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 “Universal Giving Pan-  
5 demic Response and Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF DEDUCTION**  
2 **FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT ITEMIZING DEDUCTIONS.**  
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4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (p) of section 170 of  
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 “(p) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAXPAYERS WHO DO NOT  
8 ELECT TO ITEMIZE DEDUCTIONS.—In the case of a tax-  
9 able year beginning in 2021 or 2022, the deduction under  
10 this subsection for the taxable year shall be equal to so  
11 much of the deduction determined under this section  
12 (without regard to this subsection) for such taxable year  
13 as does not exceed an amount equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the amount  
14 of the standard deduction with respect to such individual  
15 for such taxable year. This subsection shall apply only in  
16 the case of an individual who does not elect to itemize de-  
17 ductions for the taxable year.”.

18 (b) ELIMINATION OF PENALTY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6662(b) of the In-  
20 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking  
21 paragraph (9).

22 (2) INCREASED PENALTY.—Section 6662 of  
23 such Code is amended by striking subsection (l).

24 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
25 6751(b)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by striking  
26 “6655, or 6662 (but only with respect to an addition

1 to tax by reason of subsection (b)(9) thereof” and  
2 inserting “or 6655”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
5 December 31, 2020.

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