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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the dollar and income limitations on the deduction for student loan interest.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CICILLINE (for himself and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania) 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 “Student Loan Interest
5 Tax Deduction Expansion Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION AND INCOME**
 2 **LIMITATION ON STUDENT LOAN INTEREST**
 3 **DEDUCTION.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN DOLLAR LIMITATION ON STUDENT
 5 LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION.—Paragraph (1) of section
 6 221(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
 7 by striking “\$2,500” and inserting “\$7,500 (\$15,000 in
 8 the case of a joint return)”.

9 (b) INCREASE IN INCOME LIMITATION ON STUDENT
 10 LOAN INTEREST DEDUCTION.—Paragraph (2) of section
 11 221(b) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

12 “(2) LIMITATION BASED ON MODIFIED AD-
 13 JUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—No deduction shall be
 15 allowed under subsection (a) to a taxpayer with
 16 a modified adjusted gross income in excess of
 17 \$100,000 (twice such amount in the case of a
 18 joint return).

19 “(B) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS IN-
 20 COME.—The term ‘modified adjusted gross in-
 21 come’ means adjusted gross income deter-
 22 mined—

23 “(i) without regard to this section and
 24 sections 199, 222, 911, 931, and 933, and

25 “(ii) after application of sections 86,
 26 135, 137, 219, and 469.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of
2 section 221(f) of such Code is amended to read as follows:

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxable
4 year beginning after 2020, the \$100,000 amount in
5 subsection (b)(2)(A) shall each be increased by an
6 amount equal to—

7 “(A) such dollar amount, multiplied by

8 “(B) the cost-of-living adjustment deter-
9 mined under section 1(f)(3) for the calendar
10 year in which the taxable year begins, deter-
11 mined by substituting ‘calendar year 2019’ for
12 ‘calendar year 2016’ in subparagraph (A)(ii)
13 thereof.”.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after De-
16 cember 31, 2019.

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