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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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Ms. Cantwell (for herself, Mr. Young, Mr. Wyden, and Mr. Isakson) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2019".
- 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—REFORM OF STATE ALLOCATION FORMULAS

Sec. 101. Increases in State allocations.

TITLE II—REFORMS RELATING TO TENANT ELIGIBILITY

- Sec. 201. Average income test applicability to exempt facility bonds.
- Sec. 202. Codification of rules relating to increased tenant income.
- Sec. 203. Modification of student occupancy rules.
- Sec. 204. Tenant voucher payments taken into account as rent for certain purposes.
- Sec. 205. Requirement that low-income housing credit-supported housing protect victims of domestic abuse.
- Sec. 206. Clarification of general public use requirement relating to veterans, etc.

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- Sec. 301. Minimum credit rate.
- Sec. 302. Reconstruction or replacement period after casualty loss.
- Sec. 303. Modification and clarification of rights relating to building purchase.
- Sec. 304. Modification of previous ownership rules; limitation on acquisition basis.
- Sec. 305. Certain relocation costs taken into account as rehabilitation expenditures
- Sec. 306. Repeal of qualified census tract population cap.
- Sec. 307. Determination of community revitalization plan to be made by housing credit agency.
- Sec. 308. Prohibition of local approval and contribution requirements.
- Sec. 309. Increase in credit for certain projects designated to serve extremely low-income households.
- Sec. 310. Increase in credit for bond-financed projects designated by State agency.
- Sec. 311. Elimination of basis reduction for low-income housing properties receiving certain energy benefits.
- Sec. 312. Restriction of planned foreclosures.
- Sec. 313. Increase of population cap for difficult development areas.
- Sec. 314. Increased cost oversight and accountability.

TITLE IV—REFORMS RELATING TO NATIVE AMERICAN ASSISTANCE

- Sec. 401. Selection criteria under qualified allocation plans.
- Sec. 402. Inclusion of Indian areas as difficult development areas for purposes of certain buildings.

TITLE V—REFORMS RELATING TO RURAL ASSISTANCE

- Sec. 501. Inclusion of rural areas as difficult development areas.
- Sec. 502. Uniform income eligibility for rural projects.

TITLE VI—EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS

Sec. 601. Revision and clarification of the treatment of refunding issues.

TITLE VII—AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDIT

Sec. 701. Affordable housing tax credit.

1 TITLE I—REFORM OF STATE 2 ALLOCATION FORMULAS

3	SEC. 101. INCREASES IN STATE ALLOCATIONS.
4	(a) Phase-In of Increases.—
5	(1) In General.—Clause (ii) of section
6	42(h)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
7	is amended—
8	(A) by striking "\$1.75" in subclause (I)
9	and inserting "the per capita dollar amount",
10	and
11	(B) by striking "\$2,000,000" in subclause
12	(II) and inserting "the minimum ceiling
13	amount".
14	(2) Per capita dollar amount; minimum
15	CEILING AMOUNT.—Subparagraph (I) of section
16	42(h)(3) of such Code is amended to read as follows:
17	"(I) PER CAPITA DOLLAR AMOUNT; MIN-
18	IMUM CEILING AMOUNT.—For purposes of this
19	paragraph—
20	"(i) Per capita dollar amount.—
21	The per capita dollar amount is—
22	"(I) for calendar year 2019,
23	\$2.76,
24	"(II) for calendar year 2020 ,
25	\$3.10,

1	"(III) for calendar year 2021,
2	\$3.49,
3	"(IV) for calendar year 2022,
4	\$3.93,
5	"(V) for calendar year 2023,
6	\$4.42, and
7	"(VI) \$4.96 thereafter.
8	"(ii) Minimum ceiling amount.—
9	The minimum ceiling amount is—
10	"(I) for calendar year 2019,
11	\$3,166,875,
12	"(II) for calendar year 2020,
13	\$3,565,496,
14	"(III) for calendar year 2021,
15	\$4,010,213,
16	"(IV) for calendar year 2022,
17	\$4,510,487,
18	"(V) for calendar year 2023,
19	\$5,073,171, and
20	"(VI) \$5,700,468 thereafter.".
21	(3) Modification of cost-of-living adjust-
22	MENT.—Subparagraph (H) of section 42(h)(3) of
23	such Code is amended—
24	(A) by striking "2002" in clause (i) and
25	inserting "2019",

1	(B) by striking "the \$2,000,000 and \$1.75
2	amounts in subparagraph (C)" in clause (i) and
3	inserting "the dollar amounts applicable to such
4	calendar year under clauses (i) and (ii) of sub-
5	paragraph (I)",
6	(C) by striking " 2001 " in clause (i)(II)
7	and inserting "2018",
8	(D) by striking "\$2,000,000" in clause
9	(ii)(I) and inserting "minimum ceiling", and
10	(E) by striking " $\$1.75$ " in clause (ii)(II)
11	and inserting "per capita dollar".
12	(4) Effective date.—The amendments made
13	by this subsection shall apply to calendar years be-
14	ginning after December 31, 2019.
15	(b) Permanent Increases.—
16	(1) In General.—Clause (ii) of section
17	42(h)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
18	as amended by subsection (a)(1), is amended—
19	(A) by striking "the per capita dollar
20	amount" in subclause (I) and inserting
21	"\$4.96", and
22	(B) by striking "the minimum ceiling
23	amount" in subclause (II) and inserting
24	"\$5,700,468".

1	(2) Conforming amendment.—Paragraph (3)
2	of section 42(h) of such Code is amended by striking
3	subparagraph (I), as amended by subsection (a)(2)
4	(3) Cost-of-living adjustment.—Subpara-
5	graph (H) of section 42(h)(3) of such Code, as
6	amended by subsection (a)(3), is amended—
7	(A) by striking "the dollar amounts appli-
8	cable to such calendar year under clauses (i)
9	and (ii) of subparagraph (I)" in clause (i) and
10	inserting "the \$5,700,468 and \$4.96 amounts
11	in subparagraph (C)",
12	(B) by striking "minimum ceiling" in
13	clause (ii)(I) and inserting "\$5,700,468", and
14	(C) by striking "per capita dollar" in
15	clause (ii)(II) and inserting "\$4.96".
16	(4) Effective date.—The amendments made
17	by this subsection shall apply to calendar years be-
18	ginning after December 31, 2024.
19	TITLE II—REFORMS RELATING
20	TO TENANT ELIGIBILITY
21	SEC. 201. AVERAGE INCOME TEST APPLICABILITY TO EX
22	EMPT FACILITY BONDS.
23	(a) In General.—Paragraph (1) of section 142(d)
24	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

1	(1) by striking "(A) or (B)" and inserting "(A),
2	(B), or (C)", and
3	(2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
4	lowing new subparagraph:
5	"(C) Average income test.—A project
6	meets the requirements of this subparagraph if
7	it meets the minimum requirements of section
8	42(g)(1)(C).".
9	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
10	this section shall apply to elections made under section
11	142(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after
12	March 23, 2018.
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	SEC. 202. CODIFICATION OF RULES RELATING TO IN-
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13 14 15 16 17	CREASED TENANT INCOME. (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section $42(g)(2)(D)$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv)" and all that follows and inserting "clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), and (vi), notwithstanding
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19	CREASED TENANT INCOME. (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section $42(g)(2)(D)$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv)" and all that follows and inserting "clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), and (vi), notwithstanding an increase in the income of the occupants above the income limitation applicable under paragraph (1)—
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	creased tenant income. (a) In General.—Clause (i) of section $42(g)(2)(D)$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv)" and all that follows and inserting "clauses (ii), (iii), (iv), and (vi), notwithstanding an increase in the income of the occupants above the income limitation applicable under paragraph (1)— "(I) a low-income unit shall con-

1	median gross income and such unit
2	continues to be rent-restricted, and
3	"(II) a unit to which, at the time
4	of initial occupancy by such occu-
5	pants, any Federal, State, or local
6	government income restriction ap-
7	plied, and which subsequently becomes
8	part of a building with respect to
9	which rehabilitation expenditures are
10	taken into account under subsection
11	(e), shall be treated as a low-income
12	unit if the income of such occupants
13	initially was 60 percent or less of area
14	median gross income and does not ex-
15	ceed 120 percent of area median gross
16	income as of the date of acquisition of
17	the property by the taxpayer.".
18	(b) Exception.—Subparagraph (D) of section
19	42(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amend-
20	ed by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21	lowing new clause:
22	"(vi) Exception to rule relating
23	TO INCREASED TENANT INCOME.—In the
24	case of an occupant of a low-income unit
25	who initially qualified to occupy such unit

1	by reason of paragraph (1)(C) with an in-
2	come in excess of 60 percent of area me-
3	dian gross income but not in excess of 80
4	percent of area median gross income,
5	clause (i) shall be applied for substituting
6	'80 percent' for '60 percent' each place it
7	appears.".
8	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
9	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
10	December 31, 2018.
11	SEC. 203. MODIFICATION OF STUDENT OCCUPANCY RULES.
12	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (D) of section
13	42(i)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
14	to read as follows:
15	"(D) Rules relating to students.—
16	"(i) In general.—A unit occupied
17	solely by individuals who—
18	"(I) have not attained age 24,
19	and
20	"(II) are enrolled in a full-time
21	course of study at an institution of
22	higher education (as defined in section
23	3304(f)),
24	shall not be treated as a low-income unit.

1	"(ii) Exception for certain fed-
2	ERAL PROGRAMS.—In the case of a feder-
3	ally-assisted building (as defined in sub-
4	section (d)(6)(C)(i)), clause (i) shall not
5	apply to a unit all of the occupants of
6	which meet all applicable requirements
7	under the housing program described in
8	such subsection through which the building
9	is assisted, financed, or operated.
10	"(iii) Other exceptions.—An indi-
11	vidual shall not be treated as described in
12	clause (i) if the individual—
13	"(I) is married,
14	" (Π) is a person with disabilities
15	(as defined in section $3(b)(3)(E)$ of
16	the United States Housing Act of
17	1937),
18	"(III) is a veteran (as defined in
19	section 101(2) of title 38, United
20	States Code),
21	"(IV) has 1 or more qualifying
22	children (as defined in section
23	152(e)),
24	"(V) is or has been a victim or
25	threatened victim of domestic violence,

1	dating violence, sexual assault, or
2	stalking (as defined in section 40002
3	of the Violence Against Women Act of
4	1994), or
5	"(VI) meets the income limita-
6	tion applicable under subsection
7	(g)(1) to the project of which the
8	building is a part and is, or was im-
9	mediately prior to attaining the age of
10	majority—
11	"(aa) an emancipated minor
12	or in legal guardianship as deter-
13	mined by a court of competent
14	jurisdiction in the individual's
15	State of legal residence,
16	"(bb) under the care and
17	placement responsibility of the
18	State agency responsible for ad-
19	ministering a plan under part B
20	or part E of title IV of the Social
21	Security Act, or
22	"(ce) an unaccompanied
23	youth (within the meaning of sec-
24	tion 725(6) of the McKinney-
25	Vento Homeless Assistance Act

1	$(42 \text{ U.S.C. } 11434a(6)))$ or ϵ
2	homeless child or youth (within
3	the meaning of section 725(2) or
4	such Act (42 U.S.C
5	11434a(2))).".
6	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
7	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
8	December 31, 2019.
9	SEC. 204. TENANT VOUCHER PAYMENTS TAKEN INTO AC
10	COUNT AS RENT FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.
11	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section
12	42(g)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
13	by adding at the end the following new sentence: "In the
14	case of a project with respect to which the taxpayer elects
15	the requirements of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1)
16	or the portion of a project to which subsection (d)(5)(C
17	applies, clause (i) shall not apply with respect to any ten
18	ant-based assistance (as defined in section $8(f)(7)$ of the
19	United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C
20	1437f(f)(7))).".
21	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
22	this section shall apply to rent paid in taxable years begin
23	ning after December 31, 2019.

1	SEC. 205. REQUIREMENT THAT LOW-INCOME HOUSING
2	CREDIT-SUPPORTED HOUSING PROTECT VIC-
3	TIMS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE.
4	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (B) of section
5	42(h)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
6	by striking "and" at the end of clause (v), by striking the
7	period at the end of clause (vi) and inserting ", and", and
8	by adding at the end the following new clause:
9	"(vii) which—
10	"(I) prohibits the refusal to lease
11	to, or termination of a lease by, a per-
12	son solely on the basis of criminal ac-
13	tivity directly relating to domestic vio-
14	lence, dating violence, sexual assault,
15	or stalking that is engaged in by a
16	member of the household of the ten-
17	ant or any guest or other person
18	under the control of the tenant, if the
19	tenant or an affiliated individual of
20	the tenant is the victim or threatened
21	victim of such domestic violence, dat-
22	ing violence, sexual assault, or stalk-
23	ing, and
24	"(II) allows prospective, present,
25	or former occupants of the building

1	the right to enforce in any State court
2	the prohibition of subclause (I).".
3	(b) Bifurcation.—
4	(1) In general.—Subparagraph (B) of section
5	42(h)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
6	amended by subsection (a), is amended by adding at
7	the end the following new flush sentence:
8	"For purposes of clause (vii)(I), rules similar to
9	the rules of section 41411(b)(3)(B) of the Vio-
10	lence Against Women Act of 1994 shall apply
11	with respect to the owner or manager of a
12	building.".
13	(2) Effect of Bifurcation.—Paragraph (2)
14	of section 42(g) of such Code is amended by adding
15	at the end the following new subparagraph:
16	"(F) TREATMENT OF BIFURCATION IN
17	CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.—In any case
18	in which—
19	"(i) an occupant is evicted or removed
20	from a low-income unit because such occu-
21	pant has engaged in criminal activity di-
22	rectly relating to domestic violence, dating
23	violence, sexual assault, or stalking against
24	an affiliated individual or other individual
25	on the basis of criminal activity directly re-

1	lating to domestic violence, dating violence,
2	sexual assault, or stalking, and
3	"(ii) the lease on such unit is bifur-
4	cated as provided in the last sentence of
5	subsection (h)(6)(B),
6	then the remaining occupants of such low-in-
7	come unit shall not be treated as a new tenant
8	for purposes of this section.".
9	(c) Clarification of General Public Use Re-
10	QUIREMENT.—Paragraph (9) of section 42(g) of the Inter-
11	nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "or"
12	at the end of subparagraph (B), by striking the period
13	at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting ", or", and
14	by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
15	"(D) who are victims or threatened victims
16	of criminal activity directly relating to domestic
17	violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or
18	stalking.".
19	(d) Effective Dates.—
20	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
21	graph (2), the amendments made by this section
22	shall apply to agreements executed or modified on or
23	after the date that is 30 days after the date of the
24	enactment of this Act.

1	(2) Public use requirement.—The amend-
2	ments made by subsection (c) shall apply to build-
3	ings placed in service before, on, or after the date
4	of the enactment of this Act.
5	SEC. 206. CLARIFICATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC USE RE-
6	QUIREMENT RELATING TO VETERANS, ETC.
7	(a) In General.—Paragraph (9) of section 42(g) of
8	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section
9	205, is further amended by adding at the end the following
10	flush language:
11	"Any veteran of the Armed Forces shall be treated
12	as a member of a specified group under a Federal
13	program for purposes of subparagraph (B).".
14	(b) Qualified Residential Rental Projects.—
15	Paragraph (2) of section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue
16	Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17	lowing new subparagraph:
18	"(F) Clarification of general public
19	USE REQUIREMENT.—A unit shall not fail to
20	meet the general public use requirement solely
21	because of occupancy restrictions or pref-
22	erences, if such restrictions or preferences meet
23	the general public use requirement of section
24	42.".
25	(c) Effective Dates.—

1	(1) In general.—The amendment made by
2	subsection (a) shall apply to buildings placed in serv-
3	ice before, on, or after the date of the enactment of
4	this Act.
5	(2) Qualified residential rental
6	PROJECTS.—The amendment made by subsection (b)
7	shall apply to bonds issued before, on, or after the
8	date of the enactment of this Act.
9	TITLE III—CREDIT RATE AND
10	OTHER RULES RELATING TO
11	CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND DE-
12	TERMINATION
13	SEC. 301. MINIMUM CREDIT RATE.
14	(a) In General.—Subsection (b) of section 42 of the
15	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—
16	(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
17	graph (4), and
18	(2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
19	lowing new paragraph:
20	"(3) MINIMUM CREDIT RATE.—In the case of
21	any new or existing building to which paragraph (2)
22	does not apply and which is placed in service by the
23	taxpayer after December 31, 2018, the applicable
24	percentage shall not be less than 4 percent.".

- 1 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall apply to buildings which receive alloca-
- 3 tions of housing credit dollar amount or, in the case of
- 4 projects financed by tax-exempt bonds as described in sec-
- 5 tion 42(h)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which
- 6 receive a determination of housing credit dollar amount,
- 7 after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 8 SEC. 302. RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT PERIOD
- 9 AFTER CASUALTY LOSS.
- 10 (a) In General.—Subparagraph (E) of section
- 11 42(j)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
- 12 by striking "a reasonable period established by the Sec-
- 13 retary" and inserting "a reasonable period established by
- 14 the applicable housing credit agency (not to exceed 25
- 15 months from the date on which the casualty loss arises).
- 16 The determination under paragraph (1) shall not be made
- 17 with respect to a property the basis of which is affected
- 18 by a casualty loss until the period described in the pre-
- 19 ceding sentence with respect to such property has ex-
- 20 pired.".
- 21 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 22 this section shall apply to casualty losses arising after the
- 23 date of the enactment of this Act.

1	SEC. 303. MODIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF RIGHTS
2	RELATING TO BUILDING PURCHASE.
3	(a) Modification of Right of First Refusal.—
4	Subparagraph (A) of section 42(i)(7) of the Internal Rev-
5	enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "a right of 1st
6	refusal" and inserting "an option".
7	(b) Clarification With Respect to Right of
8	FIRST REFUSAL AND PURCHASE OPTIONS.—
9	(1) Purchase of Partnership interest.—
10	(A) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of
11	section 42(i)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of
12	1986, as amended by subsection (a), is amend-
13	ed by striking "the property" and inserting
14	"the property or all of the partnership interests
15	(other than interests of the person exercising
16	such option or a related party thereto (within
17	the meaning of section $267(b)$ or $707(b)(1)$) re-
18	lating to the property".
19	(B) Conforming Amendment.—Subpara-
20	graph (B) of section 42(i)(7) of the Internal
21	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at
22	the end the following: "In the case of a pur-
23	chase of a partnership interest, the minimum
24	purchase price is an amount not less than such
25	interest's ratable share of the amount deter-

1	mined under the first sentence of this subpara-
2	graph.".
3	(2) Property includes assets relating to
4	THE BUILDING.—Paragraph (7) of section 42(i) of
5	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
6	adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
7	"(C) Property.—For purposes of sub-
8	paragraph (A), the term 'property' may include
9	all or any of the assets held for the develop-
10	ment, operation, or maintenance of a build-
11	ing.".
12	(3) Exercise of right of first refusal
13	AND PURCHASE OPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A) of
14	section 42(i)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of
15	1986, as amended by subsection (a) and paragraph
16	(1)(A), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
17	lowing: "For purposes of determining whether an
18	option, including a right of first refusal, to purchase
19	property is described in the preceding sentence—
20	"(i) such option or right of first re-
21	fusal may be exercised with or without the
22	approval of the taxpayer, and
23	"(ii) a right of first refusal may be ex-
24	ercised in response to any offer to pur-

1	chase the property, including an offer by a
2	related party.".
3	(c) Effective Dates.—
4	(1) Modification of right of first re-
5	FUSAL.—The amendment made by subsection (a)
6	shall apply to agreements entered into after the date
7	of the enactment of this Act.
8	(2) Clarification.—The amendments made
9	by subsection (b) shall apply to agreements among
10	the owners of the project (including partners, mem-
11	bers, their affiliated organizations, and designated
12	entities described in subparagraph (A)) entered into
13	before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this
14	Act.
15	(3) No effect on agreements.—No provi-
16	sion of this amendment shall supercede the agree-
17	ment among the parties as to the manner of execu-
18	tion or terms of a right of first refusal or option per-
19	mitted by section 42(i)(7).
20	SEC. 304. MODIFICATION OF PREVIOUS OWNERSHIP RULES;
21	LIMITATION ON ACQUISITION BASIS.
22	(a) In General.—Clause (ii) of section 42(d)(2)(B)
23	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
24	serting ", or the taxpayer elects the application of sub-
25	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	(e) 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) Modification of Placed in Service Rule.—
7	Clause (iii) of section 42(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue
8	Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:
9	"(iii) the building was not owned by
10	the taxpayer or by any person related (as
11	of the date of acquisition by the taxpayer)
12	to the taxpayer at any time during the 5-
13	year period ending on the date of acquisi-
14	tion by the taxpayer, and".
15	(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
16	this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after
17	December 31, 2018.
18	SEC. 305. CERTAIN RELOCATION COSTS TAKEN INTO AC-
19	COUNT AS REHABILITATION EXPENDITURES.
20	(a) In General.—Paragraph (2) of section 42(e) of
21	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding
22	at the end the following new subparagraph:
23	"(C) CERTAIN RELOCATION COSTS.—In
24	the case of a rehabilitation of a building to

1	which section 280B does not apply, costs relat-
2	ing to the relocation of occupants, including—
3	"(i) amounts paid to occupants,
4	"(ii) amounts paid to third parties for
5	services relating to such relocation, and
6	"(iii) amounts paid for temporary
7	housing for occupants,
8	shall be treated as chargeable to capital account
9	and taken into account as rehabilitation ex-
10	penditures.".
11	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
12	this section shall apply to expenditures paid or incurred
13	after December 31, 2018.
14	(c) No Inference.—Nothing in the amendment
15	made by this section shall be construed to create any infer-
16	ence with respect to the treatment of relocation costs paid
17	or incurred before December 31, 2018.
18	SEC. 306. REPEAL OF QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT POPU-
19	LATION CAP.
20	(a) In General.—Clause (ii) of section 42(d)(5)(B)
21	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—
22	(1) by striking subclauses (II) and (III), and
23	(2) by striking "Qualified census tract.—
24	"(I) IN GENERAL.—The term",

1	and inserting "QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT.—The
2	term".
3	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
4	this section shall apply to designations of qualified census
5	tracts under section $42(d)(5)(B)(ii)$ of the Internal Rev-
6	enue Code of 1986 after December 31, 2019.
7	SEC. 307. DETERMINATION OF COMMUNITY REVITALIZA-
8	TION PLAN TO BE MADE BY HOUSING CREDIT
9	AGENCY.
10	(a) In General.—Subclause (III) of section
11	42(m)(1)(B)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
12	amended by inserting ", as determined by the housing
13	credit agency according to criteria established by such
14	agency," after $(d)(5)(B)(ii)$ and".
15	(b) Criteria.—Paragraph (1) of section 42(m) of
16	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding
17	at the end the following new subparagraph:
18	"(E) Criteria for determination re-
19	LATING TO CONCERTED COMMUNITY REVITAL-
20	IZATION PLAN.—For purposes of subparagraph
21	(B)(ii)(III), the criteria which shall be estab-
22	lished by a housing credit agency for deter-
23	mining whether the development of a project
24	contributes to a concerted community develop-
25	ment plan shall take into account any factors

1	the agency deems appropriate, including the ex-
2	tent to which the proposed plan—
3	"(i) is geographically specific,
4	"(ii) outlines a clear plan for imple-
5	mentation and goals for outcomes,
6	"(iii) includes a strategy for applying
7	for or obtaining commitments of public or
8	private investment (or both) in nonhousing
9	infrastructure, amenities, or services, and
10	"(iv) demonstrates the need for com-
11	munity revitalization.".
12	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
13	this section shall apply to allocations of housing credit dol-
14	lar amounts made under qualified allocation plans (as de-
15	fined in section 42(m)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code
16	of 1986) adopted after December 31, 2019.
17	SEC. 308. PROHIBITION OF LOCAL APPROVAL AND CON-
18	TRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS.
19	(a) In General.—Paragraph (1) of section 42(m)
20	of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by sec-
21	tion 307, is further amended—
22	(1) by striking clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)
23	and by redesignating clauses (iii) and (iv) thereof as
24	clauses (ii) and (iii), and

1	(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2	paragraph:
3	"(F) Local approval or contribution
4	NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The selection cri-
5	teria under a qualified allocation plan shall not
6	include consideration of—
7	"(i) any support or opposition with re-
8	spect to the project from local or elected
9	officials, or
10	"(ii) any local government contribu-
11	tion to the project, except to the extent
12	such contribution is taken into account as
13	part of a broader consideration of the
14	project's ability to leverage outside funding
15	sources, and is not prioritized over any
16	other source of outside funding.".
17	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
18	this section shall apply to allocations of housing credit dol-
19	lar amounts made after December 31, 2019.
20	SEC. 309. INCREASE IN CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS
21	DESIGNATED TO SERVE EXTREMELY LOW-IN-
22	COME HOUSEHOLDS.
23	(a) In General.—Paragraph (5) of section 42(d) of
24	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding
25	at the end the following new subparagraph:

1	"(C) Increase in credit for projects
2	DESIGNATED TO SERVE EXTREMELY LOW-IN-
3	COME HOUSEHOLDS.—In the case of any build-
4	ing—
5	"(i) 20 percent or more of the resi-
6	dential units in which are designated by
7	the taxpayer for occupancy by households
8	the aggregate household income of which
9	does not exceed the greater of—
10	"(I) 30 percent of area median
11	gross income, or
12	"(II) 100 percent of an amount
13	equal to the Federal poverty line
14	(within the meaning of section
15	36B(d)(3), and
16	"(ii) which is designated by the hous-
17	ing credit agency as requiring the increase
18	in credit under this subparagraph in order
19	for such building to be financially feasible
20	as part of a qualified low-income housing
21	project,
22	subparagraph (B) shall not apply to the portion
23	of such building which is comprised of such
24	units, and the eligible basis of such portion of
25	the building shall be 150 percent of such basis

- determined without regard to this subpara-
- 2 graph.".
- 3 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
- 4 this section shall apply to buildings which receive alloca-
- 5 tions of housing credit dollar amount or, in the case of
- 6 projects financed by tax-exempt bonds as described in sec-
- 7 tion 42(h)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which
- 8 receive a determination of housing credit dollar amount,
- 9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 10 SEC. 310. INCREASE IN CREDIT FOR BOND-FINANCED
- 11 PROJECTS DESIGNATED BY STATE AGENCY.
- 12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (v) of section 42(d)(5)(B)
- 13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
- 14 ing the second sentence.
- 15 (b) Technical Amendment.—Clause (v) of section
- 16 42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
- 17 amended by subsection (a), is further amended—
- 18 (1) by striking "STATE" in the heading, and
- 19 (2) by striking "State housing credit agency"
- and inserting "housing credit agency".
- 21 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 22 this section shall apply to buildings which receive a deter-
- 23 mination of housing credit dollar amount after the date
- 24 of the enactment of this Act.

1	SEC. 311. ELIMINATION OF BASIS REDUCTION FOR LOW-IN-
2	COME HOUSING PROPERTIES RECEIVING
3	CERTAIN ENERGY BENEFITS.
4	(a) New Energy Efficient Home Credit.—Sub-
5	section (e) of section 45L of the Internal Revenue Code
6	of 1986 is amended—
7	(1) by striking "Adjustment.—For purposes"
8	and inserting "ADJUSTMENT.—
9	"(1) In general.—For purposes", and
10	(2) by adding at the end the following new
11	paragraph:
12	"(2) Exception for affordable housing
13	PROPERTIES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply for
14	purposes of determining eligible basis under section
15	42.".
16	(b) Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings
17	DEDUCTION.—Subsection (e) of section 179D of the In-
18	ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—
19	(1) by striking "Reduction.—For purposes"
20	and inserting "REDUCTION.—
21	"(1) In general.—For purposes", and
22	(2) by adding at the end the following new
23	paragraph:
24	"(2) Exception for affordable housing
25	PROPERTIES —Paracraph (1) shall not apply for

purposes of determining eligible basis under section 1 2 42.". 3 (c) Energy Credit.—Paragraph (3) of section 4 50(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended— (1) by striking "and" at the end of subpara-5 6 graph (A), 7 (2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting ", and", and 8 9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-10 paragraph: "(C) paragraph (1) shall not apply for pur-11 12 poses of determining eligible basis under section 13 42.". 14 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 15 this section shall apply to buildings which receive allocations of housing credit dollar amount or, in the case of 16 projects financed by tax-exempt bonds as described in section 42(h)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which 19 receive a determination of housing credit dollar amount, 20 after the date of the enactment of this Act. 21 SEC. 312. RESTRICTION OF PLANNED FORECLOSURES. 22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subclause (I)of section 23 42(h)(6)(E)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is

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amended to read as follows:

"(I) on the 61st day after the 1 2 taxpayer (or a successor in interest) 3 provides notice to the Secretary and 4 the housing credit agency that the 5 building has been acquired by fore-6 closure (or instrument in lieu of fore-7 closure) and that the taxpayer intends 8 the termination of such period, unless, 9 before such date, the Secretary or the 10 housing credit agency determines that 11 such acquisition is part of an arrange-12 ment with the taxpayer a purpose of 13 which is to terminate such period, 14 or".

- 15 (b) Conforming Amendment.—The second sen-16 tence of clause (i) of section 42(h)(6)(E) of the Internal 17 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "Subclause 18 (II)" and inserting "Subclauses (I) and (II)".
- 19 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 20 this section shall apply to acquisitions by foreclosure (or 21 instrument in lieu of foreclosure) after December 31, 22 2018.

SEC. 313. INCREASE OF POPULATION CAP FOR DIFFICULT 2 DEVELOPMENT AREAS. 3 (II)GENERAL.—Subclause ofIN section 4 42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "20 percent" and inserting "30 per-5 6 cent". 7 (b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by 8 this section shall apply to designations made under section 9 42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 after December 31, 2019. 10 11 SEC. 314. INCREASED COST OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNT-12 ABILITY. 13 (a) In General.—Subparagraph (C) of section 42(m)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "and" at the end of clause (ix), by striking 15 the period at the end of clause (x) and inserting ", and", 16 and by adding at the end the following new clause: 17 18 "(xi) the reasonableness of the devel-19 opment costs of the project.". 20 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to allocations of credits under sec-

tion 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 made after

December 31, 2019.

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1	TITLE IV—REFORMS RELATING
2	TO NATIVE AMERICAN AS-
3	SISTANCE
4	SEC. 401. SELECTION CRITERIA UNDER QUALIFIED ALLO-
5	CATION PLANS.
6	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (C) of section
7	42(m)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
8	amended by section 314, is amended—
9	(1) by striking "and" at the end of clause (x),
10	by striking the period at the end of clause (xi) and
11	inserting ", and", and by adding at the end the fol-
12	lowing new clause:
13	"(xii) the affordable housing needs of
14	individuals in the State who are enrolled
15	members of a tribe with respect to an In-
16	dian tribal government.", and
17	(2) by adding at the end the following flush
18	sentence:
19	"For purposes of clause (xii), the term 'Indian
20	tribal government' includes any agencies or in-
21	strumentalities of an Indian tribal government
22	and any Alaska Native regional or village cor-
23	poration, as defined in, or established pursuant
24	to, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
25	(43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).".

1	(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to allocations of credits under sec-
3	tion 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 made after
4	December 31, 2019.
5	SEC. 402. INCLUSION OF INDIAN AREAS AS DIFFICULT DE-
6	VELOPMENT AREAS FOR PURPOSES OF CER-
7	TAIN BUILDINGS.
8	(a) In General.—Subclause (I) of section
9	42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
10	amended by inserting before the period the following: ",
11	and any Indian area".
12	(b) Indian Area.—Clause (iii) of section
13	42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
14	amended by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause
15	(III) and by inserting after subclause (I) the following new
16	subclause:
17	"(II) Indian area.—For pur-
18	poses of subclause (I), the term 'In-
19	dian area' means any Indian area (as
20	defined in section $4(11)$ of the Native
21	American Housing Assistance and
22	Self Determination Act of 1996 (25
23	U.S.C. 4103(11))).".
24	(c) Eligible Buildings.—Clause (iii) of section
25	42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as

1 amended by subsection (b), is amended by adding at the 2 end the following new subclause:

3 "(IV) Special rule for build-4 INGS IN INDIAN AREAS.—In the case of an area which is a difficult develop-6 ment area solely because it is an In-7 dian area, a building shall not be 8 treated as located in such area unless 9 such building is assisted or financed 10 under the Native American Housing 11 Assistance and Self Determination 12 Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.) 13 or the project sponsor is an Indian 14 defined tribe (as in section 15 45A(c)(6), a tribally designated hous-16 ing entity (as defined in section 4(22)17 of such Act (25 U.S.C. 4103(22))), or 18 wholly owned or controlled by such an 19 Indian tribe or tribally designated 20 housing entity.".

21 (d) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 22 this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after 23 December 31, 2019.

1 TITLE V—REFORMS RELATING 2 TO RURAL ASSISTANCE

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3	SEC. 501. INCLUSION OF RURAL AREAS AS DIFFICULT DE-
4	VELOPMENT AREAS.
5	(a) In General.—Subclause (I) of section
6	42(d)(5)(B)(iii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
7	amended by section 402, is amended by inserting ", any
8	rural area" after "median gross income".
9	(b) Rural Area.—Clause (iii) of section
10	42(d)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
11	amended by section 402, is further amended by redesig-
12	nating subclause (III) as subclause (IV) and by inserting
13	after subclause (II) the following new subclause:
14	"(III) Rural area.—For pur-
15	poses of subclause (I), the term 'rural
16	area' means any non-metropolitan
17	area, or any rural area as defined by
18	section 520 of the Housing Act of
19	1949, which is identified by the quali-
20	fied allocation plan under subsection
21	(m)(1)(B).".
22	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
23	this section shall apply to buildings placed in service after
24	December 31, 2019.

1	SEC. 502. UNIFORM INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL
2	PROJECTS.
3	(a) In General.—Paragraph (8) of section 42(i) of
4	the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
5	the second sentence.
6	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
7	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
8	December 31, 2018.
9	TITLE VI—EXEMPT FACILITY
10	BONDS
11	SEC. 601. REVISION AND CLARIFICATION OF THE TREAT-
12	MENT OF REFUNDING ISSUES.
13	(a) In General.—Subparagraph (A) of section
14	146(i)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-
15	ed to read as follows:
16	"(A) In General.—During the 12-month
17	period beginning on the date of a repayment of
18	a loan financed by an issue 95 percent or more
19	of the net proceeds of which are used to provide
20	projects described in section 142(d), if such re-
21	payment is used to provide a new loan for any
22	project described in section 142(a)(7) or for
23	any purpose described in subsection (a)(2)(A)
24	or (b) of section 143, any bond which is issued
25	to refinance such issue shall be treated as a re-
26	funding issue. Any issue treated as a refunding

1	issue by reason of the preceding sentence shall
2	be so treated only to the extent the principal
3	amount of such refunding issue does not exceed
4	the principal amount of the bonds refunded.".
5	(b) Removal of One-Refunding Limit.—Sub-
6	paragraph (B) of section 146(i)(6) of the Internal Rev-
7	enue Code of 1986 is amended—
8	(1) by striking "4 years" in clause (i) and in-
9	serting "10 years",
10	(2) by striking "was issued" in clause (ii) and
11	inserting "is issued",
12	(3) by redesignating clauses (i) (as so amend-
13	ed), (ii) (as so amended), and (iii) as subclauses (I),
14	(II), and (III), respectively, and by moving such sub-
15	clauses 2 ems to the right,
16	(4) by striking "Limitations.—Subparagraph
17	(A) shall apply to only one refunding of the original
18	issue and" and inserting "LIMITATIONS.—
19	"(i) In General.—Subparagraph (A)
20	shall apply to a bond", and
21	(5) by adding at the end the following new
22	clause:
23	"(ii) Source of Loan Repay-
24	MENT.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply
25	to any repayment of a loan which is—

1	"(I) made by a repayment of an-
2	other loan, or
3	"(II) financed by an issue treated
4	as a refunding issue under subpara-
5	graph (A).".
6	(c) Conforming Amendment.—The heading of
7	paragraph (6) of section 146(i) of the Internal Revenue
8	Code of 1986 is amended by striking "RESIDENTIAL
9	RENTAL PROJECT BONDS AS REFUNDING BONDS IRRE-
10	SPECTIVE OF OBLIGOR" and inserting "BONDS AS RE-
11	FUNDING BONDS".
12	(d) Effective Dates.—
13	(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by
14	subsections (a) and (c) shall apply to obligations
15	issued on or after the date of the enactment of this
16	Act.
17	(2) Removal of one-refunding limit.—The
18	amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to
19	repayments of loans received after July 30, 2008.
20	TITLE VII—AFFORDABLE
21	HOUSING TAX CREDIT
22	SEC. 701. AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX CREDIT.
23	(a) In General.—The heading of section 42 of the
24	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
25	"LOW-INCOME" and inserting "AFFORDABLE".

1	(b) Conforming Amendments.—
2	(1) Subsection (a) of section 42 of the Internal
3	Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "low-
4	income" and inserting "affordable".
5	(2) Paragraph (5) of section 38(b) of such Code
6	is amended by striking "low-income" and inserting
7	"affordable".
8	(3) The heading of subparagraph (D) of section
9	469(i)(3) of such Code is amended by striking
10	"LOW-INCOME" and inserting "AFFORDABLE".
11	(4) The heading of subparagraph (B) of section
12	469(i)(6) of such Code is amended by striking
13	"LOW-INCOME" and inserting "AFFORDABLE".
14	(5) Paragraph (7) of section 772(a) of such
15	Code is amended by striking "low-income" and in-
16	serting "affordable".
17	(6) Paragraph (5) of section 772(d) of such
18	Code is amended by striking "low-income" and in-
19	serting "affordable".
20	(c) Clerical Amendment.—The item relating to
21	section 42 in the table of sections for subpart D of part
22	IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue
23	Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:
	"Sec. 42. Affordable housing credit.".