

## 115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 836

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a standard home office deduction.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico 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 "Helping Our Middle-
- 5 Class Entrepreneurs Act" or the "HOME Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR BUSINESS USE OF
- 7 **HOME.**
- 8 (a) In General.—Subsection (c) of section 280A of
- 9 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding
- 10 at the end the following new paragraph:

1	"(7) Standard home office deduction.—
2	"(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an indi-
3	vidual who is allowed a deduction for the use of
4	a home office because of a use described in
5	paragraph (1), (2), or (4), notwithstanding the
6	limitations of paragraph (5), if such individual
7	elects the application of this paragraph for the
8	taxable year, such individual shall be allowed a
9	deduction equal to the standard home office de-
10	duction for the taxable year in lieu of the de-
11	ductions otherwise allowable under this chapter
12	for such taxable year by reason of such use.
13	"(B) STANDARD HOME OFFICE DEDUC-
14	TION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
15	standard home office deduction is the lessen
16	of—
17	"(i) \$1,500, or
18	"(ii) the gross income derived from
19	the individual's trade or business for which
20	such use occurs.
21	"(C) Inflation adjustment.—In the
22	case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar
23	year after 2017, the dollar amount in subpara-
24	graph (B)(i) shall be increased by an amount
25	equal to—

1	"(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by
2	"(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-
3	termined under section $1(f)(3)$ for the cal-
4	endar year in which the taxable year be-
5	gins, determined by substituting '2016' for
6	'1992' in subparagraph (B) thereof.
7	Any increase determined under the preceding
8	sentence shall be rounded to the nearest mul-
9	tiple of \$100.".
10	(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
11	this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12	December 31, 2016.

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