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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of partnership interests held by partners providing services.

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Mr. Levin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of partnership interests held by partners providing services.

- 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. PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS TRANSFERRED IN
- 4 CONNECTION WITH PERFORMANCE OF SERV-
- 5 ICES.
- 6 (a) Modification to Election To Include Part-
- 7 NERSHIP INTEREST IN GROSS INCOME IN YEAR OF
- 8 Transfer.—Subsection (c) of section 83 of the Internal
- 9 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating para-

- 1 graph (4) as paragraph (5) and by inserting after para-2 graph (3) the following new paragraph:
- "(4) Partnership interests.—Except as provided by the Secretary, in the case of any transfer of an interest in a partnership in connection with the performance of services for (or on behalf of) such partnership—
  - "(A) the fair market value of such interest shall be treated for purposes of this section as being equal to the amount of the distribution which the partner would receive if the partnership sold (at the time of the transfer) all of its assets at fair market value and distributed the proceeds of such sale (reduced by the liabilities of the partnership) to its partners in liquidation of the partnership, and
    - "(B) the person receiving such interest shall be treated as having made the election under subsection (b)(1) unless such person makes an election under this paragraph to have such subsection not apply.".
- 22 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Paragraph (2) of 23 section 83(b) of such Code is amended by inserting "or 24 subsection (c)(4)(B)" after "paragraph (1)".

1	(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
2	this section shall apply to interests in partnerships trans-
3	ferred after the date of the enactment of this Act.
4	SEC. 2. INCOME OF PARTNERS FOR PERFORMING INVEST-
5	MENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TREATED AS
6	ORDINARY INCOME RECEIVED FOR PER-
7	FORMANCE OF SERVICES.
8	(a) In General.—Part I of subchapter K of chapter
9	1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
10	adding at the end the following new section:
11	"SEC. 710. SPECIAL RULES FOR PARTNERS PROVIDING IN-
12	VESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO
13	PARTNERSHIP.
14	"(a) Treatment of Distributive Share of
15	PARTNERSHIP ITEMS.—For purposes of this title, in the
16	case of an investment services partnership interest—
17	"(1) In General.—Notwithstanding section
18	702(b)—
19	"(A) any net income with respect to such
20	interest for any partnership taxable year shall
21	be treated as ordinary income, and
22	"(B) any net loss with respect to such in-
23	terest for such year, to the extent not dis-
24	allowed under paragraph (2) for such year,
25	shall be treated as an ordinary loss.

1	All items of income, gain, deduction, and loss which
2	are taken into account in computing net income or
3	net loss shall be treated as ordinary income or ordi-
4	nary loss (as the case may be).
5	"(2) Treatment of losses.—
6	"(A) LIMITATION.—Any net loss with re-
7	spect to such interest shall be allowed for any
8	partnership taxable year only to the extent that
9	such loss does not exceed the excess (if any)
10	of—
11	"(i) the aggregate net income with re-
12	spect to such interest for all prior partner-
13	ship taxable years, over
14	"(ii) the aggregate net loss with re-
15	spect to such interest not disallowed under
16	this subparagraph for all prior partnership
17	taxable years.
18	"(B) Carryforward.—Any net loss for
19	any partnership taxable year which is not al-
20	lowed by reason of subparagraph (A) shall be
21	treated as an item of loss with respect to such
22	partnership interest for the succeeding partner-
23	ship taxable year.
24	"(C) Basis adjustment.—No adjustment
25	to the basis of a partnership interest shall be

1	made on account of any net loss which is not
2	allowed by reason of subparagraph (A).
3	"(D) Prior partnership years.—Any
4	reference in this paragraph to prior partnership
5	taxable years shall only include prior partner-
6	ship taxable years to which this section applies.
7	"(3) Net income and loss.—For purposes of
8	this section—
9	"(A) NET INCOME.—The term 'net in-
10	come' means, with respect to any investment
11	services partnership interest for any partner-
12	ship taxable year, the excess (if any) of—
13	"(i) all items of income and gain
14	taken into account by the holder of such
15	interest under section 702 with respect to
16	such interest for such year, over
17	"(ii) all items of deduction and loss so
18	taken into account.
19	"(B) Net loss.—The term 'net loss'
20	means, with respect to such interest for such
21	year, the excess (if any) of the amount de-
22	scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii) over the amount
23	described in subparagraph (A)(i).
24	"(b) Dispositions of Partnership Interests.—

1	"(1) Gain.—Any gain on the disposition of an
2	investment services partnership interest shall be
3	treated as ordinary income and shall be recognized
4	notwithstanding any other provision of this subtitle.
5	"(2) Loss.—Any loss on the disposition of an
6	investment services partnership interest shall be
7	treated as an ordinary loss to the extent of the ex-
8	cess (if any) of—
9	"(A) the aggregate net income with respect
10	to such interest for all partnership taxable
11	years, over
12	"(B) the aggregate net loss with respect to
13	such interest allowed under subsection (a)(2)
14	for all partnership taxable years.
15	"(3) Disposition of Portion of Interest.—
16	In the case of any disposition of an investment serv-
17	ices partnership interest, the amount of net loss
18	which otherwise would have (but for subsection
19	(a)(2)(C)) applied to reduce the basis of such inter-
20	est shall be disregarded for purposes of this section
21	for all succeeding partnership taxable years.
22	"(4) Distributions of Partnership Prop-
23	ERTY.—In the case of any distribution of property
24	by a partnership with respect to any investment

services partnership interest held by a partner—

1	"(A) the excess (if any) of—
2	"(i) the fair market value of such
3	property at the time of such distribution,
4	over
5	"(ii) the adjusted basis of such prop-
6	erty in the hands of the partnership,
7	shall be taken into account as an increase in
8	such partner's distributive share of the taxable
9	income of the partnership (except to the extent
10	such excess is otherwise taken into account in
11	determining the taxable income of the partner-
12	ship),
13	"(B) such property shall be treated for
14	purposes of subpart B of part II as money dis-
15	tributed to such partner in an amount equal to
16	such fair market value, and
17	"(C) the basis of such property in the
18	hands of such partner shall be such fair market
19	value.
20	Subsection (b) of section 734 shall be applied with-
21	out regard to the preceding sentence.
22	"(5) Application of Section 751.—In apply-
23	ing section 751(a), an investment services partner-
24	ship interest shall be treated as an inventory item.

1	"(c) Investment Services Partnership Inter-
2	EST.—For purposes of this section—
3	"(1) In general.—The term 'investment serv-
4	ices partnership interest' means any interest in a
5	partnership which is held by any person if it was
6	reasonably expected (at the time that such person
7	acquired such interest) that such person (or any per-
8	son related to such person) would provide (directly
9	or indirectly) a substantial quantity of any of the
10	following services:
11	"(A) Advising as to the advisability of in-
12	vesting in, purchasing, or selling any specified
13	asset.
14	"(B) Managing, acquiring, or disposing of
15	any specified asset.
16	"(C) Arranging financing with respect to
17	acquiring specified assets.
18	"(D) Any activity in support of any service
19	described in subparagraphs (A) through (C).
20	For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'specified
21	asset' means securities (as defined in section
22	475(c)(2) without regard to the last sentence there-
23	of), real estate held for rental or investment, inter-
24	ests in partnerships, commodities (as defined in sec-

1	tion $475(e)(2)$ ), or options or derivative contracts
2	with respect to any of the foregoing.
3	"(2) Exception for certain capital inter-
4	ESTS.—
5	"(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any
6	portion of an investment services partnership
7	interest which is a qualified capital interest, all
8	items of income, gain, loss, and deduction which
9	are allocated to such qualified capital interest
10	shall not be taken into account under sub-
11	section (a) if—
12	"(i) allocations of items are made by
13	the partnership to such qualified capital
14	interest in the same manner as such allo-
15	cations are made to other qualified capital
16	interests held by partners who do not pro-
17	vide any services described in paragraph
18	(1) and who are not related to the partner
19	holding the qualified capital interest, and
20	"(ii) the allocations made to such
21	other interests are significant compared to
22	the allocations made to such qualified cap-
23	ital interest.
24	"(B) Special rule for dispositions.—
25	In the case of any investment services partner-

1	ship interest any portion of which is a qualified
2	capital interest, subsection (b) shall not apply
3	to so much of any gain or loss as bears the
4	same proportion to the entire amount of such
5	gain or loss as—
6	"(i) the distributive share of gain or
7	loss that would have been allocable to the
8	qualified capital interest under subpara-
9	graph (A) if the partnership sold all of its
10	assets immediately before the disposition,
11	bears to
12	"(ii) the distributive share of gain or
13	loss that would have been so allocable to
14	the investment services partnership inter-
15	est of which such qualified capital interest
16	is a part.
17	"(C) QUALIFIED CAPITAL INTEREST.—For
18	purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified
19	capital interest' means so much of a partner's
20	interest in the capital of the partnership as is
21	attributable to—
22	"(i) the fair market value of any
23	money or other property contributed to the
24	partnership in exchange for such interest,

1	"(ii) any amounts which have been in-
2	cluded in gross income under section 83
3	with respect to the transfer of such inter-
4	est, and
5	"(iii) the excess (if any) of—
6	"(I) any items of income and
7	gain taken into account under section
8	702 with respect to such interest for
9	taxable years to which this section ap-
10	plies, over
11	"(II) any items of deduction and
12	loss so taken into account.
13	The qualified capital interest shall be reduced
14	by distributions from the partnership to the
15	partner and by the excess (if any) of the
16	amount described in clause (iii)(II) over the
17	amount described in clause (iii)(I).
18	"(D) Treatment of Certain Loans.—
19	"(i) Proceeds of Partnership
20	LOANS NOT TREATED AS QUALIFIED CAP-
21	ITAL INTEREST OF SERVICE PROVIDING
22	Partners.—For purposes of this para-
23	graph, an investment services partnership
24	interest shall not be treated as a qualified
25	capital interest to the extent that such in-

terest is acquired in connection with the 1 2 proceeds of any loan or other advance made or guaranteed, directly or indirectly, 3 by any partner or the partnership (or any person related to any such partner or the 6 partnership). 7 "(ii) Reduction in Allocations to 8 QUALIFIED CAPITAL INTERESTS FOR 9 FROM NONSERVICE PROVIDING LOANS 10 PARTNERS TO THE PARTNERSHIP.—For 11 purposes of this paragraph, any loan or 12 other advance to the partnership made or 13 guaranteed, directly or indirectly, by a 14 partner not providing services described in 15 paragraph (1) to the partnership (or any 16 person related to such partner) shall be 17 taken into account as invested capital of 18 such partner. 19 "(3) RELATED PERSONS.—A person shall be 20 treated as related to another person if the relation-21 ship between such persons would result in a dis-22 allowance of losses under section 267 or 707(b). "(d) OTHER INCOME AND GAIN IN CONNECTION 23 WITH INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If—

1	"(A) a person performs (directly or indi-
2	rectly) investment management services for any
3	entity,
4	"(B) such person holds a disqualified in-
5	terest with respect to such entity, and
6	"(C) the value of such interest (or pay-
7	ments thereunder) is substantially related to
8	the amount of income or gain (whether or not
9	realized) from the assets with respect to which
10	the investment management services are per-
11	formed,
12	any income or gain with respect to such interest
13	shall be treated as ordinary income. Rules similar to
14	the rules of subsection (c)(2) shall apply where such
15	interest was acquired on account of invested capital
16	in such entity.
17	"(2) Definitions.—For purposes of this sub-
18	section—
19	"(A) DISQUALIFIED INTEREST.—
20	"(i) In general.—The term 'dis-
21	qualified interest' means, with respect to
22	any entity—
23	"(I) any interest in such entity
24	other than indebtedness,

1	"(II) convertible or contingent
2	debt of such entity,
3	"(III) any option or other right
4	to acquire property described in sub-
5	clause (I) or (II), and
6	"(IV) any derivative instrument
7	entered into (directly or indirectly)
8	with such entity or any investor in
9	such entity.
10	"(ii) Exceptions.—Such term shall
11	not include—
12	"(I) a partnership interest,
13	"(II) stock in a taxable corpora-
14	tion, and
15	"(III) except as provided by the
16	Secretary, stock in an S corporation.
17	"(B) TAXABLE CORPORATION.—The term
18	'taxable corporation' means—
19	"(i) a domestic C corporation, or
20	"(ii) a foreign corporation substan-
21	tially all of the income of which is—
22	"(I) effectively connected with
23	the conduct of a trade or business in
24	the United States, or

1	"(II) subject to a comprehensive
2	foreign income tax (as defined in sec-
3	tion $457A(d)(2)$ ).
4	"(C) Investment management serv-
5	ICES.—The term 'investment management serv-
6	ices' means a substantial quantity of any of the
7	services described in subsection $(c)(1)$ .
8	"(e) Regulations.—The Secretary shall prescribe
9	such regulations as are necessary or appropriate to carry
10	out the purposes of this section, including regulations to—
11	"(1) provide modifications to the application of
12	this section (including treating related persons as
13	not related to one another) to the extent such modi-
14	fication is consistent with the purposes of this sec-
15	tion,
16	"(2) prevent the avoidance of the purposes of
17	this section, and
18	"(3) coordinate this section with the other pro-
19	visions of this title.
20	"(f) Cross Reference.—For 40 percent no fault
21	penalty on certain underpayments due to the avoidance
22	of this section, see section 6662.".
23	(b) Income From Investment Services Part-
24	NERSHIP INTERESTS NOT TREATED AS QUALIFYING IN-
25	COME OF PUBLICLY TRADED PARTNERSHIPS.—Sub-

1	section (d) of section 7704 of such Code is amended by
2	adding at the end the following new paragraph:
3	"(6) Income from investment services
4	PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS NOT QUALIFIED.—
5	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Items of income and
6	gain shall not be treated as qualifying income
7	if such items are treated as ordinary income by
8	reason of the application of section 710 (relat-
9	ing to special rules for partners providing in-
10	vestment management services to partnership).
11	"(B) Special rules for certain part-
12	NERSHIPS.—
13	"(i) Certain partnerships owned
14	BY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.—
15	Subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the
16	case of a partnership which meets each of
17	the following requirements:
18	"(I) Such partnership is treated
19	as publicly traded under this section
20	solely by reason of interests in such
21	partnership being convertible into in-
22	terests in a real estate investment
23	trust which is publicly traded.
24	"(II) 50 percent or more of the
25	capital and profits interests of such

1	partnership are owned, directly or in-
2	directly, at all times during the tax-
3	able year by such real estate invest-
4	ment trust (determined with the ap-
5	plication of section 267(c)).
6	"(III) Such partnership meets
7	the requirements of paragraphs (2),
8	(3), and (4) of section 856(c).
9	"(ii) Certain partnerships own-
10	ING OTHER PUBLICLY TRADED PARTNER-
11	SHIPS.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply
12	in the case of a partnership which meets
13	each of the following requirements:
14	"(I) Substantially all of the as-
15	sets of such partnership consist of in-
16	terests in one or more other partner-
17	ships which are traded on an estab-
18	lished securities market.
19	"(II) Substantially all of the in-
20	come of such partnership is ordinary
21	income or section 1231 gain (as de-
22	fined in section $1231(a)(3)$ ).
23	"(C) Transitional rule.—In the case of
24	a partnership in existence on the date of the en-
25	actment of this paragraph, subparagraph (A)

1 shall not apply to any taxable year of the part-2 nership beginning before the date which is 10 3 years after the date of the enactment of this 4 paragraph.". 5 Imposition PENALTY (c) OFON UNDERPAY-6 MENTS.— 7 (1) In General.—Subsection (b) of section 8 6662 of such Code is amended by inserting after 9 paragraph (5) the following new paragraph: 10 "(6) The application of subsection (d) of section 11 710 or the regulations prescribed under section 12 710(e) to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of 13 section 710.". 14 (2) Amount of Penalty.— 15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 6662 of such 16 Code is amended by adding at the end the fol-17 lowing new subsection: 18 "(i) Increase in Penalty in Case of Property Transferred for Investment Management Serv-19 20 ICES.—In the case of any portion of an underpayment to 21 which this section applies by reason of subsection (b)(6), 22 subsection (a) shall be applied with respect to such portion by substituting '40 percent' for '20 percent'.".

1	(B) Conforming amendments.—Sub-
2	paragraph (B) of section 6662A(e)(2) of such
3	Code is amended—
4	(i) by striking "section 6662(h)" and
5	inserting "subsection (h) or (i) of section
6	6662", and
7	(ii) by striking "GROSS VALUATION
8	MISSTATEMENT PENALTY" in the heading
9	and inserting "CERTAIN INCREASED UN-
10	DERPAYMENT PENALTIES".
11	(3) Reasonable cause exception not ap-
12	PLICABLE.—Subsection (c) of section 6664 of such
13	Code is amended—
14	(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
15	(3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively,
16	(B) by striking "paragraph (2)" in para-
17	graph (4), as so redesignated, and inserting
18	"paragraph (3)", and
19	(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
20	following new paragraph:
21	"(2) Exception.—Paragraph (1) shall not
22	apply to any portion of an underpayment to which
23	this section applies by reason of subsection (b)(6).".

1	(d) Income and Loss From Investment Services
2	PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DE-
3	TERMINING NET EARNING FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT.—
4	(1) Internal revenue code.—Section
5	1402(a) of such Code is amended by striking "and"
6	at the end of paragraph (16), by striking the period
7	at the end of paragraph (17) and inserting "; and";
8	and by inserting after paragraph (17) the following
9	new paragraph:
10	"(18) notwithstanding the preceding provisions
11	of this subsection, any amount treated as ordinary
12	income or ordinary loss of any individual under sec-
13	tion 710 shall be taken into account in determining
14	the net earnings from self-employment of such indi-
15	vidual.".
16	(2) Social Security Act.—Section 211(a) of
17	the Social Security Act is amended by inserting after
18	paragraph (16) the following new paragraph:
19	"(17) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions
20	of this subsection, any amount treated as ordinary
21	income or ordinary loss of any individual under sec-
22	tion 710 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall
23	be taken into account in determining the net earn-
24	ings from self-employment of such individual.".

(e) Conforming Amendments.—

1	(1) Subsection (d) of section 731 of the Inter-
2	nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting
3	"section 710(b)(4) (relating to distributions of part-
4	nership property)," after "to the extent otherwise
5	provided by".

- (2) Section 741 of such Code is amended by inserting "or section 710 (relating to special rules for partners providing investment management services to partnership)" before the period at the end.
- 10 (3) The table of sections for part I of sub-11 chapter K of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by 12 adding at the end the following new item:

"Sec. 710. Special rules for partners providing investment management services to partnership.".

### (f) Effective Date.—

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- 14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-15 vided in this subsection, the amendments made by 16 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after 17
- 18 (2) Partnership taxable years which in19 Clude effective date.—In applying section
  20 710(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as
  21 added by this section) in the case of any partnership
  22 taxable year which includes \_\_\_\_\_, the amount of
  23 the net income referred to in such section shall be
  24 treated as being the lesser of the net income for the

1	entire partnership taxable year or the net income de-
2	termined by only taking into account items attrib-
3	utable to the portion of the partnership taxable year
4	which is after such date.
5	(3) Dispositions of Partnership inter-
6	ESTS.—Section 710(b) of the Internal Revenue Code
7	of 1986 (as added by this section) shall apply to dis-
8	positions and distributions after
9	(4) OTHER INCOME AND GAIN IN CONNECTION
10	WITH INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—Sec-
11	tion 710(d) of such Code (as added by this section)
12	shall take effect on
13	(5) Publicly traded partnerships.—The
14	amendment made by subsection (b) shall apply to
15	taxable years beginning after
16	SEC. 3. APPLICATION TO PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS AND
17	TAX SHARING AGREEMENTS OF RULE TREAT-
18	ING CERTAIN GAIN ON SALES BETWEEN RE-
19	LATED PERSONS AS ORDINARY INCOME.
20	(a) Partnership Interests.—
21	(1) In general.—Subsection (a) of section
22	1239 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
23	amended to read as follows:
24	"(a) Treatment of Gain as Ordinary Income.—
25	In the case of a sale or exchange of property, directly or

- 1 indirectly, between related persons, any gain recognized to
- 2 the transferor shall be treated as ordinary income if—
- 3 "(1) such property is, in the hands of the trans-
- 4 feree, of a character which is subject to the allow-
- 5 ance for depreciation provided in section 167, or
- 6 "(2) such property is an interest in a partner-
- ship, but only to the extent of gain attributable to
- 8 unrealized appreciation in property which is of a
- 9 character subject to the allowance for depreciation
- provided in section 167.".
- 11 (2) Treatment of amortizable section 197
- 12 INTANGIBLES AS DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY.—Section
- 13 1239 of such Code is amended by adding at the end
- the following new subsection:
- 15 "(f) Treatment of Amortizable Section 197 In-
- 16 TANGIBLES AS DEPRECIABLE PROPERTY.—For treatment
- 17 of amortizable section 197 intangibles as depreciable prop-
- 18 erty, see section 197(f)(7).".
- 19 (b) Tax Sharing Agreements.—Section 1239 of
- 20 such Code (relating to gain from sale of depreciable prop-
- 21 erty between certain related taxpayers) is amended by
- 22 adding at the end the following new subsection:
- 23 "(f) Application to Tax Sharing Agree-
- 24 MENTS.—

	"(1) In General.—If there is a tax sharing
2	agreement with respect to any sale or exchange, the
3	transferee and the transferor shall be treated as re-
1	lated persons for purposes of this section.

"(2) Tax sharing agreement.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'tax sharing agreement' means any agreement which provides for the payment to the transferor of any amount which is determined by reference to any portion of the tax benefit realized by the transferee with respect to the depreciation (or amortization) of the property transferred.".

13 (c) Effective Date.—The amendment made by 14 this section shall apply to sales and exchanges after 15 \_\_\_\_\_.