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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for middle-income housing, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. Wyden 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.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Middle-Income Hous-
- 5 ing Tax Credit Act of 2018".
- 6 SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE RELATING TO THE LOW-IN-
- 7 COME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.
- 8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
- 9 findings:

- (1) The low-income housing tax credit under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is one of the Federal Government's primary policy tools for encouraging the development and rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.
 - (2) Since 1986, when the low-income housing tax credit was first enacted, the credit has financed about 3,000,000 affordable homes in the United States for roughly 7,000,000 households. In Oregon, the program has financed nearly 40,000 affordable homes, providing housing to over 92,000 low-income households.
 - (3) While the low-income housing tax credit has been remarkably successful, the Nation still faces an affordable housing crisis. Today, more than 1 in 4 renter households in the United States—roughly 11,100,000—spend more than half of their income on rent, leaving too little for other necessities like food, medical care, and transportation. Meanwhile, only 1 in 4 eligible low-income households receives any housing assistance, and we continue to lose affordable housing from our Nation's stock. In Oregon, a minimum wage worker has to work 72 hours per week to afford a modest one-bedroom apartment.

- 1 (4) In Oregon, where housing affordability is an 2 acute problem, demand for low-income housing tax 3 credits exceeds supply by more than 2 to 1.
- (5) In March of 2017, the Affordable Housing 5 Credit Improvement Act of 2017 was introduced to 6 expand the supply of greatly needed affordable hous-7 ing. Among other provisions, the Affordable Housing 8 Credit Improvement Act of 2017 would strengthen 9 the low income housing tax credit by increasing the 10 annual per capita credit allocation and small State 11 minimum by 50 percent, phased in over 5 years. In 12 March 2018, several provisions of the Affordable 13 Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2017 were en-14 acted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations 15 Act, 2018 (Public Law 115–141).
- (b) Sense of the Senate.—It is the sense of theSenate that—
 - (1) the low-income housing tax credit under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is a critically important Federal Government policy tool to encourage the production of affordable housing for low-income families; and
- 23 (2) Congress should further improve and en-24 hance the low-income housing tax credit by passing

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1	the remaining provisions of the Affordable Housing
2	Credit Improvement Act of 2017.
3	SEC. 3. MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.
4	(a) In General.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-
5	chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
6	1986 is amended by inserting after section 42 the fol-
7	lowing new section:
8	"SEC. 42A. MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT.
9	"(a) In General.—For purposes of section 38, the
10	amount of the middle-income housing credit determined
11	under this section for any taxable year in the credit period
12	shall be an amount equal to—
13	"(1) the applicable percentage of
14	"(2) the qualified basis of each qualified mid-
15	dle-income building.
16	"(b) Applicable Percentage.—
17	"(1) Determination of applicable per-
18	CENTAGE.—For purposes of this section—
19	"(A) In General.—The term 'applicable
20	percentage' means, with respect to any building
21	the appropriate percentage prescribed by the
22	Secretary for the earlier of—
23	"(i) the month in which such building
24	is placed in service, or

1	"(ii) at the election of the taxpayer,
2	the month in which the taxpayer and the
3	housing credit agency enter into an agree-
4	ment with respect to such building (which
5	is binding on such agency, the taxpayer,
6	and all successors in interest) as to the
7	housing credit dollar amount to be allo-
8	cated to such building.
9	A month may be elected under clause (ii) only
10	if the election is made not later than the 5th
11	day after the close of such month. Such an elec-
12	tion, once made, shall be irrevocable.
13	"(B) Method of Prescribing Percent-
14	AGES.—The percentages prescribed by the Sec-
15	retary for any month shall be percentages which
16	will yield over a 15-year period amounts of
17	credit under subsection (a) which have a
18	present value equal to 50 percent of the quali-
19	fied basis of a new building.
20	"(C) METHOD OF DISCOUNTING.—The
21	present value under subparagraph (B) shall be
22	determined—
23	"(i) as of the last day of the 1st year
24	of the 15-year period referred to in sub-
25	paragraph (B),

1	"(ii) by using a discount rate equal to
2	72 percent of the average of the annual
3	Federal mid-term rate and the annual
4	Federal long-term rate applicable under
5	section 1274(d)(1) to the month applicable
6	under clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph
7	(A) and compounded annually, and
8	"(iii) by assuming that the credit al-
9	lowable under this section for any year is
10	received on the last day of such year.
11	"(2) Minimum credit rate.—The applicable
12	percentage for any building shall not be less than 5
13	percent.
14	"(3) Cross references.—
15	"(A) For treatment of certain rehabilita-
16	tion expenditures as separate new buildings, see
17	subsection (e).
18	"(B) For determination of applicable per-
19	centage for increases in qualified basis after the
20	1st year of the credit period, see subsection
21	(f)(3).
22	"(C) For authority of housing credit agen-
23	cy to limit applicable percentage and qualified
24	basis which may be taken into account under

1	this section with respect to any building, see
2	subsection (h)(6).
3	"(c) Qualified Basis; Qualified Middle-Income
4	Building.—For purposes of this section—
5	"(1) Qualified basis.—
6	"(A) Determination.—The qualified
7	basis of any qualified middle-income building
8	for any taxable year is an amount equal to—
9	"(i) the applicable fraction (deter-
10	mined as of the close of such taxable year)
11	of
12	"(ii) the eligible basis of such building
13	(determined under subsection (d)).
14	"(B) Applicable fraction.—For pur-
15	poses of subparagraph (A), the term 'applicable
16	fraction' means the smaller of the unit fraction
17	or the floor space fraction.
18	"(C) Unit fraction.—For purposes of
19	subparagraph (B), the term 'unit fraction'
20	means the fraction—
21	"(i) the numerator of which is the
22	number of middle-income units in the
23	building, and

1	"(ii) the denominator of which is the
2	number of residential rental units (whether
3	or not occupied) in such building.
4	"(D) Floor space fraction.—For pur-
5	poses of subparagraph (B), the term 'floor
6	space fraction' means the fraction—
7	"(i) the numerator of which is the
8	total floor space of the middle-income units
9	in such building, and
10	"(ii) the denominator of which is the
11	total floor space of the residential rental
12	units (whether or not occupied) in such
13	building.
14	"(2) Qualified middle-income building.—
15	The term 'qualified middle-income building' means
16	any building which is part of a qualified middle-in-
17	come housing project at all times during the pe-
18	riod—
19	"(A) beginning on the 1st day in the credit
20	period on which such building is part of such a
21	project, and
22	"(B) ending on the last day of the credit
23	period with respect to such building.
24	"(d) Eligible Basis.—For purposes of this sec-
25	tion—

1	"(1) New Buildings.—The eligible basis of a
2	new building is its adjusted basis as of the close of
3	the 1st taxable year of the credit period.
4	"(2) Existing buildings.—
5	"(A) In general.—The eligible basis of
6	an existing building is—
7	"(i) in the case of a building which
8	meets the requirements of subparagraph
9	(B), its adjusted basis as of the close of
10	the 1st taxable year of the credit period,
11	and
12	"(ii) zero in any other case.
13	"(B) Requirements.—A building meets
14	the requirements of this subparagraph if—
15	"(i) the building is acquired by pur-
16	chase (as defined in section $179(d)(2)$),
17	"(ii) there is a period of at least 10
18	years between the date of its acquisition by
19	the taxpayer and the date the building was
20	last placed in service,
21	"(iii) the building was not previously
22	placed in service by the taxpayer or by any
23	person who was a related person with re-
24	spect to the taxpayer as of the time pre-
25	viously placed in service, and

1	"(iv) except as provided in subsection
2	(f)(5), a credit is allowable under sub-
3	section (a) by reason of subsection (e) with
4	respect to the building.
5	"(C) Adjusted basis.—For purposes of
6	subparagraph (A), the adjusted basis of any
7	building shall not include so much of the basis
8	of such building as is determined by reference
9	to the basis of other property held at any time
10	by the person acquiring the building.
11	"(D) Special rules.—
12	"(i) Special rules for certain
13	TRANSFERS.—For purposes of determining
14	under subparagraph (B)(ii) when a build-
15	ing was last placed in service, there shall
16	not be taken into account any placement in
17	service—
18	"(I) in connection with the acqui-
19	sition of the building in a transaction
20	in which the basis of the building in
21	the hands of the person acquiring it is
22	determined in whole or in part by ref-
23	erence to the adjusted basis of such
24	building in the hands of the person
25	from whom acquired,

1	"(II) by a person whose basis in
2	such building is determined under sec-
3	tion 1014(a) (relating to property ac-
4	quired from a decedent),
5	"(III) by any governmental unit
6	or qualified nonprofit organization if
7	the requirements of subparagraph
8	(B)(ii) are met with respect to the
9	placement in service by such unit or
10	organization and all the income from
11	such property is exempt from Federal
12	income taxation,
13	"(IV) by any person who ac-
14	quired such building by foreclosure
15	(or by instrument in lieu of fore-
16	closure) of any purchase-money secu-
17	rity interest held by such person if the
18	requirements of subparagraph (B)(ii)
19	are met with respect to the placement
20	in service by such person and such
21	building is resold within 12 months
22	after the date such building is placed
23	in service by such person after such
24	foreclosure, or

1	"(V) of a single-family residence
2	by any individual who owned and used
3	such residence for no other purpose
4	than as his principal residence.
5	"(ii) Related Person.—For pur-
6	poses of subparagraph (B)(iii), a person
7	(hereinafter in this subclause referred to as
8	the 'related person') is related to any per-
9	son if the related person bears a relation-
10	ship to such person specified in section
11	267(b) or 707(b)(1), or the related person
12	and such person are engaged in trades or
13	businesses under common control (within
14	the meaning of subsections (a) and (b) of
15	section 52).
16	"(3) Special rules relating to deter-
17	MINATION OF ADJUSTED BASIS.—For purposes of
18	this subsection—
19	"(A) In general.—Except as provided in
20	subparagraph (B), the adjusted basis of any
21	building shall be determined without regard to
22	the adjusted basis of any property which is not
23	residential rental property.
24	"(B) Basis of Property in Common
25	AREAS ETC INCLUDED —

1	"(i) In general.—Except as pro-
2	vided in clause (ii), the adjusted basis of
3	any building shall be determined by taking
4	into account the adjusted basis of property
5	(of a character subject to the allowance for
6	depreciation) used in common areas or
7	provided as comparable amenities to all
8	residential rental units in such building.
9	"(ii) Special rule.—In the case of
10	any building for which the low-income
11	housing tax credit is allowable under sec-
12	tion 42, the adjusted basis of the building
13	under this section shall be determined
14	without regard to property used in com-
15	mon areas or provided as comparable
16	amenities to all residential rental units in
17	such building.
18	"(C) NO REDUCTION FOR DEPRECIA-
19	TION.—The adjusted basis of any building shall
20	be determined without regard to paragraphs (2)
21	and (3) of section 1016(a).
22	"(4) Credit allowable for certain build-
23	INGS ACQUIRED DURING 10-YEAR PERIOD DE-
24	SCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2)(B)(II).—On application

by the taxpayer, the Secretary may waive paragraph

1	(2)(B)(ii) with respect to any building acquired from
2	an insured depository institution in default (as de-
3	fined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance
4	Act) or from a receiver or conservator of such an in-
5	stitution.
6	"(5) Acquisition of building before end
7	OF PRIOR CREDIT PERIOD.—
8	"(A) In General.—Under regulations
9	prescribed by the Secretary, in the case of a
10	building described in subparagraph (B) (or in-
11	terest therein) which is acquired by the tax-
12	payer—
13	"(i) paragraph (2)(B) shall not apply,
14	but
15	"(ii) the credit allowable by reason of
16	subsection (a) to the taxpayer for any pe-
17	riod after such acquisition shall be equal to
18	the amount of credit which would have
19	been allowable under subsection (a) for
20	such period to the prior owner referred to
21	in subparagraph (B) had such owner not
22	disposed of the building.
23	"(B) Description of Building.—A
24	building is described in this subparagraph if—

1	"(i) a credit was allowed by reason of
2	subsection (a) to any prior owner of such
3	building, and
4	"(ii) the taxpayer acquired such build-
5	ing before the end of the credit period for
6	such building with respect to such prior
7	owner (determined without regard to any
8	disposition by such prior owner).
9	"(e) Rehabilitation Expenditures Treated as
10	SEPARATE NEW BUILDING.—
11	"(1) In general.—Rehabilitation expenditures
12	paid or incurred by the taxpayer with respect to any
13	building shall be treated for purposes of this section
14	as a separate new building.
15	"(2) Rehabilitation expenditures.—For
16	purposes of paragraph (1)—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'rehabilita-
18	tion expenditures' means amounts chargeable to
19	capital account and incurred for property (or
20	additions or improvements to property) of a
21	character subject to the allowance for deprecia-
22	tion in connection with the rehabilitation of a
23	building.
24	"(B) Cost of acquisition, etc., not in-
25	CLUDED.—Such term does not include the cost

1	of acquiring any building (or interest therein)
2	or any amount not permitted to be taken into
3	account under paragraph (3) of subsection (d).
4	"(C) CERTAIN RELOCATION COSTS.—In
5	the case of a rehabilitation of a building to
6	which section 280B does not apply, costs relat-
7	ing to the relocation of occupants, including—
8	"(i) amounts paid to occupants,
9	"(ii) amounts paid to third parties for
10	services relating to such relocation, and
11	"(iii) amounts paid for temporary
12	housing for occupants,
13	shall be treated as chargeable to capital account
14	and taken into account as rehabilitation ex-
15	penditures.
16	"(3) Minimum expenditures to qualify.—
17	"(A) In General.—Paragraph (1) shall
18	apply to rehabilitation expenditures with respect
19	to any building only if—
20	"(i) the expenditures are allocable to
21	1 or more middle-income units or substan-
22	tially benefit such units, and
23	"(ii) the amount of such expenditures
24	during any 24-month period meets the re-
25	quirements of whichever of the following

1	subclauses requires the greater amount of
2	such expenditures:
3	"(I) The requirement of this sub-
4	clause is met if such amount is not
5	less than 20 percent of the adjusted
6	basis of the building (determined as of
7	the 1st day of such period and with-
8	out regard to paragraphs (2) and (3)
9	of section 1016(a)).
10	"(II) The requirement of this
11	subclause is met if the qualified basis
12	attributable to such amount, when di-
13	vided by the number of middle-income
14	units in the building, is equal to or
15	greater than the dollar amount in ef-
16	fect under section 42(e)(3)(A)(ii)(II)
17	for the calendar year in which such
18	expenditures are treated as placed in
19	service under paragraph (4).
20	"(B) DATE OF DETERMINATION.—The de-
21	termination under subparagraph (A) shall be
22	made as of the close of the 1st taxable year in
23	the credit period with respect to such expendi-
24	tures.

1	"(4) Special rules.—For purposes of apply-
2	ing this section with respect to expenditures which
3	are treated as a separate building by reason of this
4	subsection—
5	"(A) such expenditures shall be treated as
6	placed in service at the close of the 24-month
7	period referred to in paragraph (3)(A), and
8	"(B) the applicable fraction under sub-
9	section (c)(1) shall be the applicable fraction for
10	the building (without regard to paragraph (1))
11	with respect to which the expenditures were in-
12	curred.
13	Nothing in subsection (d)(2) shall prevent a credit
14	from being allowed by reason of this subsection.
15	"(5) No double counting.—Rehabilitation
16	expenditures may, at the election of the taxpayer, be
17	taken into account under this subsection or sub-
18	section (d)(2)(A)(i) but not under both such sub-
19	sections.
20	"(6) REGULATIONS TO APPLY SUBSECTION
21	WITH RESPECT TO GROUP OF UNITS IN BUILDING.—
22	The Secretary may prescribe regulations, consistent
23	with the purposes of this subsection, treating a

group of units with respect to which rehabilitation

1	expenditures are incurred as a separate new build-
2	ing.
3	"(f) Definition and Special Rules Relating to
4	Credit Period.—
5	"(1) Credit Period Defined.—For purposes
6	of this section, the term 'credit period' means, with
7	respect to any building, the period of 15 taxable
8	years beginning with—
9	"(A) the taxable year in which the building
10	is placed in service, or
11	"(B) at the election of the taxpayer, the
12	succeeding taxable year,
13	but only if the building is a qualified middle-income
14	building as of the close of the 1st year of such pe-
15	riod. The election under subparagraph (B), once
16	made, shall be irrevocable.
17	"(2) Special rule for 1st year of credit
18	PERIOD.—
19	"(A) In General.—The credit allowable
20	under subsection (a) with respect to any build-
21	ing for the 1st taxable year of the credit period
22	shall be determined by substituting for the ap-
23	plicable fraction under subsection $(c)(1)$ the
24	fraction—

1	"(i) the numerator of which is the
2	sum of the applicable fractions determined
3	under subsection $(c)(1)$ as of the close of
4	each full month of such year during which
5	such building was in service, and
6	"(ii) the denominator of which is 12.
7	"(B) DISALLOWED 1ST-YEAR CREDIT AL-
8	LOWED IN 16TH YEAR.—Any reduction by rea-
9	son of subparagraph (A) in the credit allowable
10	(without regard to subparagraph (A)) for the
11	1st taxable year of the credit period shall be al-
12	lowable under subsection (a) for the 1st taxable
13	year following the credit period.
14	"(3) Determination of applicable per-
15	CENTAGE WITH RESPECT TO INCREASES IN QUALI-
16	FIED BASIS AFTER 1ST YEAR OF CREDIT PERIOD.—
17	"(A) In General.—In the case of any
18	building which was a qualified middle-income
19	building as of the close of the 1st year of the
20	credit period, if—
21	"(i) as of the close of any taxable year
22	in the credit period (after the 1st year of
23	such period) the qualified basis of such
24	building exceeds

1	"(ii) the qualified basis of such build-
2	ing as of the close of the 1st year of the
3	credit period,
4	the applicable percentage which shall apply
5	under subsection (a) for the taxable year to
6	such excess shall be the percentage equal to $\frac{2}{3}$
7	of the applicable percentage which (after the
8	application of subsection (h)) would but for this
9	paragraph apply to such basis.
10	"(B) 1st year computation applies.—
11	A rule similar to the rule of paragraph (2)(A)
12	shall apply to any increase in qualified basis to
13	which subparagraph (A) applies for the 1st year
14	of such increase.
15	"(4) Dispositions of Property.—If a build-
16	ing (or an interest therein) is disposed of during any
17	year for which credit is allowable under subsection
18	(a), such credit shall be allocated between the par-
19	ties on the basis of the number of days during such
20	year the building (or interest) was held by each.
21	"(5) Credit period for existing buildings
22	NOT TO BEGIN BEFORE REHABILITATION CREDIT
23	ALLOWED.—
24	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The credit period for
25	an existing building shall not begin before the

1	1st taxable year of the credit period for reha-
2	bilitation expenditures with respect to the build-
3	ing.
4	"(B) Acquisition credit allowed for
5	CERTAIN BUILDINGS NOT ALLOWED A REHA-
6	BILITATION CREDIT.—
7	"(i) In general.—In the case of a
8	building described in clause (ii)—
9	(I) subsection $(d)(2)(B)(iv)$
10	shall not apply, and
11	"(II) the credit period for such
12	building shall not begin before the
13	taxable year which would be the 1st
14	taxable year of the credit period for
15	rehabilitation expenditures with re-
16	spect to the building under the modi-
17	fications described in clause (ii)(II).
18	"(ii) Building described.—A build-
19	ing is described in this clause if—
20	"(I) a waiver is granted under
21	subsection (d)(4) with respect to the
22	acquisition of the building, and
23	"(II) a credit would be allowed
24	for rehabilitation expenditures with
25	respect to such building if subsection

1	(e)(3)(A)(ii)(I) did not apply and if
2	the dollar amount in effect under sub-
3	section $(e)(3)(A)(ii)(II)$ were two-
4	thirds of such amount.
5	"(g) Qualified Middle-Income Housing
6	Project.—For purposes of this section—
7	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'qualified middle-
8	income housing project' means any project for resi-
9	dential rental property if—
10	"(A) 60 percent or more of the residential
11	units in such project are both rent-restricted
12	and occupied by individuals whose income is
13	100 percent or less of area median gross in-
14	come, and
15	"(B) such project is not federally sub-
16	sidized and is not financed with the proceeds of
17	any federally funded grant.
18	For purposes of subparagraph (A), residential units
19	in a building which is not a qualified middle-income
20	building by reason of subsection (c)(2)(B) shall not
21	be taken into account.
22	"(2) Rent-restricted units.—
23	"(A) In general.—For purposes of para-
24	graph (1), a residential unit is rent-restricted if
25	the gross rent with respect to such unit does

not exceed 30 percent of the imputed income limitation applicable to such unit. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the amount of the income limitation under paragraph (1) applicable for any period shall not be less than such limitation applicable for the earliest period the building (which contains the unit) was included in the determination of whether the project is a qualified middle-income housing project.

- "(B) Gross rent.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), gross rent—
 - "(i) includes any utility allowance determined by the Secretary after taking into account such determinations under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937,

"(ii) does not include any fee for a supportive service which is paid to the owner of the unit (on the basis of the mid-dle-income status of the tenant of the unit) by any governmental program of assistance (or by an organization described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from tax under section 501(a)) if such program (or organization) provides assistance for rent and the

1	amount of assistance provided for rent is
2	not separable from the amount of assist-
3	ance provided for supportive services, and
4	"(iii) does not include any rental pay-
5	ment to the owner of the unit to the extent
6	such owner pays an equivalent amount to
7	the Farmers' Home Administration under
8	section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949.
9	For purposes of clause (ii), the term 'supportive
10	service' means any service provided under a
11	planned program of services designed to enable
12	residents of a residential rental property to re-
13	main independent and avoid placement in a
14	hospital, nursing home, or intermediate care fa-
15	cility for the mentally or physically handi-
16	capped.
17	"(C) Imputed income limitation appli-
18	CABLE TO UNIT.—For purposes of this para-
19	graph, the imputed income limitation applicable
20	to a unit is the income limitation which would
21	apply under paragraph (1) to individuals occu-
22	pying the unit if the number of individuals oc-
23	cupying the unit were as follows:
24	"(i) In the case of a unit which does
25	not have a separate bedroom, 1 individual.

1	"(ii) In the case of a unit which has
2	1 or more separate bedrooms, 1.5 individ-
3	uals for each separate bedroom.
4	"(D) TREATMENT OF UNITS OCCUPIED BY
5	INDIVIDUALS WHOSE INCOMES RISE ABOVE
6	LIMIT.—
7	"(i) In general.—Except as pro-
8	vided in clause (ii), notwithstanding an in-
9	crease in the income of the occupants of a
10	middle-income unit above the income limi-
11	tation applicable under paragraph (1),
12	such unit shall continue to be treated as a
13	middle-income unit if the income of such
14	occupants initially met such income limita-
15	tion and such unit continues to be rent-re-
16	stricted.
17	"(ii) Next available unit must be
18	RENTED TO MIDDLE-INCOME TENANT IF
19	INCOME RISES ABOVE 140 PERCENT OF IN-
20	COME LIMIT.—If the income of the occu-
21	pants of the unit increases above 140 per-
22	cent of the income limitation applicable
23	under paragraph (1), clause (i) shall cease
24	to apply to such unit if any residential
25	rental unit in the building (of a size com-

parable to, or smaller than, such unit) is occupied by a new resident whose income exceeds such income limitation.

"(3) Date for meeting requirements.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a building shall be treated as a qualified middle-income building only if the project (of which such building is a part) meets the requirements of paragraph (1) not later than the close of the 1st year of the credit period for such building.

"(B) Buildings which rely on later buildings for qualification.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In determining whether a building (hereinafter in this subparagraph referred to as the 'prior building') is a qualified middle-income building, the taxpayer may take into account 1 or more additional buildings placed in service during the 12-month period described in subparagraph (A) with respect to the prior building only if the taxpayer elects to apply clause (ii) with respect to each additional building taken into account.

1	"(ii) Treatment of elected
2	BUILDINGS.—In the case of a building
3	which the taxpayer elects to take into ac-
4	count under clause (i), the period under
5	subparagraph (A) for such building shall
6	end at the close of the 12-month period ap-
7	plicable to the prior building.
8	"(iii) Date prior building is
9	TREATED AS PLACED IN SERVICE.—For
10	purposes of determining the credit period
11	for the prior building, the prior building
12	shall be treated for purposes of this section
13	as placed in service on the most recent
14	date any additional building elected by the
15	taxpayer (with respect to such prior build-
16	ing) was placed in service.
17	"(C) Special rule.—A building—
18	"(i) other than the 1st building placed
19	in service as part of a project, and
20	"(ii) other than a building which is
21	placed in service during the 12-month pe-
22	riod described in subparagraph (A) with
23	respect to a prior building which becomes
24	a qualified middle-income building,

shall in no event be treated as a qualified middle-income building unless the project is a qualified middle-income housing project (without regard to such building) on the date such building is placed in service.

- "(D) PROJECTS WITH MORE THAN 1
 BUILDING MUST BE IDENTIFIED.—For purposes of this section, a project shall be treated as consisting of only 1 building unless, before the close of the 1st calendar year in the project period (as defined in subsection (h)(1)(F)(ii)), each building which is (or will be) part of such project is identified in such form and manner as the Secretary may provide.
- "(4) CERTAIN RULES MADE APPLICABLE.—
 Paragraphs (2) (other than subparagraph (A) thereof), (3), and (7) of section 142(d), and section
 6652(j), shall apply for purposes of determining
 whether any project is a qualified middle-income
 housing project and whether any unit is a middle-income unit; except that, in applying such provisions
 for such purposes—
 - "(A) the term 'gross rent' shall have the meaning given such term by paragraph (2)(B) of this subsection, and

1	"(B) the term 'applicable income limit
2	means the limitation under paragraph (1) of
3	this subsection.
4	"(5) Election to treat building after
5	CREDIT PERIOD AS NOT PART OF A PROJECT.—For
6	purposes of this section, the taxpayer may elect to
7	treat any building as not part of a qualified middle-
8	income housing project for any period beginning
9	after the credit period for such building.
10	"(6) Special rule where de minimis eq-
11	UITY CONTRIBUTION.—Property shall not be treated
12	as failing to be residential rental property for pur-
13	poses of this section merely because the occupant of
14	a residential unit in the project pays (on a voluntary
15	basis) to the lessor a de minimis amount to be held
16	toward the purchase by such occupant of a residen-
17	tial unit in such project if—
18	"(A) all amounts so paid are refunded to
19	the occupant on the cessation of his occupancy
20	of a unit in the project, and
21	"(B) the purchase of the unit is not per-
22	mitted until after the close of the credit period
23	with respect to the building in which the unit

is located.

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- Any amount paid to the lessor as described in the preceding sentence shall be included in gross rent under paragraph (2) for purposes of determining whether the unit is rent-restricted.
 - "(7) SCATTERED SITE PROJECTS.—Buildings which would (but for their lack of proximity) be treated as a project for purposes of this section shall be so treated if all of the dwelling units in each of the buildings are rent-restricted (within the meaning of paragraph (2)) residential rental units.
 - "(8) WAIVER OF CERTAIN RECERTIFI-CATIONS.—On application by the taxpayer, the Secretary may waive any annual recertification of tenant income for purposes of this subsection, if the entire building is occupied by middle-income tenants.
 - "(9) CLARIFICATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC USE REQUIREMENT.—A project does not fail to meet the general public use requirement solely because of occupancy restrictions or preferences that favor tenants—
- 21 "(A) with special needs, or
- 22 "(B) who are members of a specified group 23 under a Federal program or State program or 24 policy that supports housing for such a speci-25 fied group.

1	"(h) Limitation on Aggregate Credit Allow-
2	ABLE WITH RESPECT TO PROJECTS LOCATED IN A
3	STATE.—
4	"(1) Credit may not exceed credit
5	AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO BUILDING.—
6	"(A) In general.—The amount of the
7	credit determined under this section for any
8	taxable year with respect to any building shall
9	not exceed the housing credit dollar amount al-
10	located to such building under this subsection.
11	"(B) Time for making allocation.—
12	Except in the case of an allocation which meets
13	the requirements of subparagraph (C), (D),
14	(E), or (F), an allocation shall be taken into ac-
15	count under subparagraph (A) only if it is
16	made not later than the close of the calendar
17	year in which the building is placed in service.
18	"(C) Exception where binding com-
19	MITMENT.—An allocation meets the require-
20	ments of this subparagraph if there is a binding
21	commitment (not later than the close of the cal-
22	endar year in which the building is placed in
23	service) by the housing credit agency to allocate
24	a specified housing credit dollar amount to such

1	building beginning in a specified later taxable
2	year.
3	"(D) Exception where increase in
4	QUALIFIED BASIS.—
5	"(i) In General.—An allocation
6	meets the requirements of this subpara-
7	graph if such allocation is made not later
8	than the close of the calendar year in
9	which ends the taxable year to which it will
10	1st apply but only to the extent the
11	amount of such allocation does not exceed
12	the limitation under clause (ii).
13	"(ii) Limitation.—The limitation
14	under this clause is the amount of credit
15	allowable under this section (without re-
16	gard to this subsection) for a taxable year
17	with respect to an increase in the qualified
18	basis of the building equal to the excess
19	of—
20	"(I) the qualified basis of such
21	building as of the close of the 1st tax-
22	able year to which such allocation will
23	apply, over
24	"(II) the qualified basis of such
25	building as of the close of the 1st tax-

1	able year to which the most recent
2	prior housing credit allocation with re-
3	spect to such building applied.
4	"(iii) Housing credit dollar
5	AMOUNT REDUCED BY FULL ALLOCA-
6	TION.—Notwithstanding clause (i), the full
7	amount of the allocation shall be taken
8	into account under paragraph (2).
9	"(E) Exception where 10 percent of
10	COST INCURRED.—
11	"(i) In General.—An allocation
12	meets the requirements of this subpara-
13	graph if such allocation is made with re-
14	spect to a qualified building which is
15	placed in service not later than the close of
16	the second calendar year following the cal-
17	endar year in which the allocation is made.
18	"(ii) Qualified building.—For pur-
19	poses of clause (i), the term 'qualified
20	building' means any building which is part
21	of a project if the taxpayer's basis in such
22	project (as of the date which is 1 year
23	after the date that the allocation was
24	made) is more than 10 percent of the tax-
25	paver's reasonably expected basis in such

1	project (as of the close of the second cal-
2	endar year referred to in clause (i)). Such
3	term does not include any existing building
4	unless a credit is allowable under sub-
5	section (e) for rehabilitation expenditures
6	paid or incurred by the taxpayer with re-
7	spect to such building for a taxable year
8	ending during the second calendar year re-
9	ferred to in clause (i) or the prior taxable
10	year.
11	"(F) Allocation of credit on A
12	PROJECT BASIS.—
13	"(i) In general.—In the case of a
14	project which includes (or will include)
15	more than 1 building, an allocation meets
16	the requirements of this subparagraph if—
17	"(I) the allocation is made to the
18	project for a calendar year during the
19	project period,
20	"(II) the allocation only applies
21	to buildings placed in service during
22	or after the calendar year for which
23	the allocation is made, and
24	"(III) the portion of such alloca-
25	tion which is allocated to any building

1	in such project is specified not later
2	than the close of the calendar year in
3	which the building is placed in service.
4	"(ii) Project period.—For pur-
5	poses of clause (i), the term 'project pe-
6	riod' means the period—
7	"(I) beginning with the 1st cal-
8	endar year for which an allocation
9	may be made for the 1st building
10	placed in service as part of such
11	project, and
12	"(II) ending with the calendar
13	year the last building is placed in
14	service as part of such project.
15	"(2) Allocated credit amount to apply
16	TO ALL TAXABLE YEARS ENDING DURING OR AFTER
17	CREDIT ALLOCATION YEAR.—Any housing credit dol-
18	lar amount allocated to any building for any cal-
19	endar year—
20	"(A) shall apply to such building for all
21	taxable years in the credit period ending during
22	or after such calendar year, and
23	"(B) shall reduce the aggregate housing
24	credit dollar amount of the allocating agency
25	only for such calendar year.

1	"(3) Housing credit dollar amount for
2	AGENCIES.—
3	"(A) In general.—The aggregate hous-
4	ing credit dollar amount which a housing credit
5	agency may allocate for any calendar year is
6	the portion of the State housing credit ceiling
7	allocated under this paragraph for such cal-
8	endar year to such agency.
9	"(B) STATE CEILING INITIALLY ALLO-
10	CATED TO STATE HOUSING CREDIT AGEN-
11	CIES.—Except as provided in subparagraph
12	(D), the State housing credit ceiling for each
13	calendar year shall be allocated to the housing
14	credit agency of such State. If there is more
15	than 1 housing credit agency of a State, all
16	such agencies shall be treated as a single agen-
17	cy.
18	"(C) State housing credit ceiling.—
19	The State housing credit ceiling applicable to
20	any State for any calendar year shall be an
21	amount equal to the sum of—
22	"(i) the greater of—
23	"(I) \$1.00 multiplied by the
24	State population, or
25	"(II) $1140,000$, plus

1	"(ii) the amount of State housing
2	credit ceiling returned in the calendar year.
3	For purposes of clause (ii), the amount of State
4	housing credit ceiling returned in the calendar
5	year equals the housing credit dollar amount
6	previously allocated within the State to any
7	project which fails to meet the 10 percent test
8	under paragraph (1)(E)(ii) on a date after the
9	close of the calendar year in which the alloca-
10	tion was made or which does not become a
11	qualified middle-income housing project within
12	the period required by this section or the terms
13	of the allocation or to any project with respect
14	to which an allocation is cancelled by mutual
15	consent of the housing credit agency and the al-
16	location recipient.
17	"(D) STATE MAY PROVIDE FOR DIF-

- "(D) STATE MAY PROVIDE FOR DIF-FERENT ALLOCATION.—Rules similar to the rules of section 146(e) (other than paragraph (2)(B) thereof) shall apply for purposes of this paragraph.
- "(E) POPULATION.—For purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined in accordance with section 146(j).
- 25 "(F) Cost-of-living adjustment.—

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1	"(i) In general.—In the case of a
2	calendar year after 2019, the $$1,140,000$
3	and \$1.00 amounts in subparagraph (C)
4	shall each be increased by an amount equal
5	to—
6	"(I) such dollar amount, multi-
7	plied by
8	"(II) the cost-of-living adjust-
9	ment determined under section 1(f)(3)
10	for such calendar year by substituting
11	'calendar year 2018' for 'calendar
12	year 2016' in subparagraph (A)(ii)
13	thereof.
14	"(ii) Rounding.—
15	(I) In the case of the
16	\$1,140,000 amount, any increase
17	under clause (i) which is not a mul-
18	tiple of \$5,000 shall be rounded to the
19	next lowest multiple of \$5,000.
20	"(II) In the case of the $$1.00$
21	amount, any increase under clause (i)
22	which is not a multiple of 5 cents
23	shall be rounded to the next lowest
24	multiple of 5 cents.

1	"(4) Portion of state ceiling set-aside
2	FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS INVOLVING QUALIFIED
3	NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—
4	"(A) In General.—Not more than 90
5	percent of the State housing credit ceiling (de-
6	termined without regard to paragraph (7)) for
7	any State for any calendar year shall be allo-
8	cated to projects other than qualified middle-in-
9	come housing projects described in subpara-
10	graph (B).
11	"(B) Projects involving qualified
12	NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—For purposes of
13	subparagraph (A), a qualified middle-income
14	housing project is described in this subpara-
15	graph if a qualified nonprofit organization is to
16	own an interest in the project (directly or
17	through a partnership) and materially partici-
18	pate (within the meaning of section 469(h)) in
19	the development and operation of the project
20	throughout the credit period.
21	"(C) Qualified nonprofit organiza-
22	TION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
23	term 'qualified nonprofit organization' means

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any organization if—

1	"(i) such organization is described in
2	paragraph (3) or (4) of section 501(c) and
3	is exempt from tax under section 501(a),
4	"(ii) such organization is determined
5	by the State housing credit agency not to
6	be affiliated with or controlled by a for-
7	profit organization; and
8	"(iii) one of the exempt purposes of
9	such organization includes the fostering of
10	middle-income housing.
11	"(D) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SUBSIDI-
12	ARIES.—
13	"(i) In general.—For purposes of
14	this paragraph, a qualified nonprofit orga-
15	nization shall be treated as satisfying the
16	ownership and material participation test
17	of subparagraph (B) if any qualified cor-
18	poration in which such organization holds
19	stock satisfies such test.
20	"(ii) Qualified corporation.—For
21	purposes of clause (i), the term 'qualified
22	corporation' means any corporation if 100
23	percent of the stock of such corporation is
24	held by 1 or more qualified nonprofit orga-

1	nizations at all times during the period
2	such corporation is in existence.
3	"(E) State may not override set-
4	ASIDE.—Nothing in subparagraph (E) of para-
5	graph (3) shall be construed to permit a State
6	not to comply with subparagraph (A) of this
7	paragraph.
8	"(5) Buildings eligible for credit only
9	IF MINIMUM LONG-TERM COMMITMENT TO MIDDLE-
10	INCOME HOUSING.—
11	"(A) IN GENERAL.—No credit shall be al-
12	lowed by reason of this section with respect to
13	any building for the taxable year unless an ex-
14	tended middle-income housing commitment is in
15	effect as of the end of such taxable year.
16	"(B) Extended middle-income hous-
17	ING COMMITMENT.—For purposes of this para-
18	graph, the term 'extended middle-income hous-
19	ing commitment' means any agreement between
20	the taxpayer and the housing credit agency—
21	"(i) which requires that the applicable
22	fraction (as defined in subsection $(c)(1)$)
23	for the building for each taxable year in
24	the extended use period will not be less
25	than the applicable fraction specified in

1	such agreement and which prohibits the
2	actions described in subclauses (I) and (II)
3	of subparagraph (E)(ii),
4	"(ii) which allows individuals who
5	meet the income limitation applicable to
6	the building under subsection (g) (whether
7	prospective, present, or former occupants
8	of the building) the right to enforce in any
9	State court the requirement and prohibi-
10	tions of clause (i),
11	"(iii) which prohibits the disposition
12	to any person of any portion of the build-
13	ing to which such agreement applies unless
14	all of the building to which such agreement
15	applies is disposed of to such person,
16	"(iv) which prohibits the refusal to
17	lease to a holder of a voucher or certificate
18	of eligibility under section 8 of the United
19	States Housing Act of 1937 because of the
20	status of the prospective tenant as such a
21	holder,
22	"(v) which is binding on all successors
23	of the taxpayer, and

1	"(vi) which, with respect to the prop-
2	erty, is recorded pursuant to State law as
3	a restrictive covenant.
4	"(C) Allocation of credit may not
5	EXCEED AMOUNT NECESSARY TO SUPPORT
6	COMMITMENT.—The housing credit dollar
7	amount allocated to any building may not ex-
8	ceed the amount necessary to support the appli-
9	cable fraction specified in the extended middle-
10	income housing commitment for such building,
11	including any increase in such fraction pursu-
12	ant to the application of subsection (f)(3) if
13	such increase is reflected in an amended mid-
14	dle-income housing commitment.
15	"(D) Extended use period.—For pur-
16	poses of this paragraph, the term 'extended use
17	period' means the period—
18	"(i) beginning on the 1st day in credit
19	period on which such building is part of a
20	qualified middle-income housing project,
21	and
22	"(ii) ending on the later of—
23	"(I) the date specified by such
24	agency in such agreement, or

1	"(II) the date which is 15 years
2	after the close of the credit period.
3	"(E) Exceptions if foreclosure or if
4	NO BUYER WILLING TO MAINTAIN MIDDLE-IN-
5	COME STATUS.—
6	"(i) IN GENERAL.—The extended use
7	period for any building shall terminate—
8	"(I) on the date the building is
9	acquired by foreclosure (or instrument
10	in lieu of foreclosure) unless the Sec-
11	retary determines that such acquisi-
12	tion is part of an arrangement with
13	the taxpayer a purpose of which is to
14	terminate such period, or
15	"(II) on the last day of the pe-
16	riod specified in subparagraph (I) if
17	the housing credit agency is unable to
18	present during such period a qualified
19	contract for the acquisition of the
20	middle-income portion of the building
21	by any person who will continue to op-
22	erate such portion as a qualified mid-
23	dle-income building.

1	Subclause (II) shall not apply to the extent
2	more stringent requirements are provided
3	in the agreement or in State law.
4	"(ii) Eviction, etc. of existing
5	MIDDLE-INCOME TENANTS NOT PER-
6	MITTED.—The termination of an extended
7	use period under clause (i) shall not be
8	construed to permit before the close of the
9	3-year period following such termination—
10	"(I) the eviction or the termi-
11	nation of tenancy (other than for good
12	cause) of an existing tenant of any
13	middle-income unit, or
14	"(II) any increase in the gross
15	rent with respect to such unit not oth-
16	erwise permitted under this section.
17	"(F) QUALIFIED CONTRACT.—For pur-
18	poses of subparagraph (E), the term 'qualified
19	contract' means a bona fide contract to acquire
20	(within a reasonable period after the contract is
21	entered into) the nonmiddle-income portion of
22	the building for fair market value and the mid-
23	dle-income portion of the building for an
24	amount not less than the applicable fraction

1	(specified in the extended middle-income hous-
2	ing commitment) of—
3	"(i) the sum of—
4	"(I) the outstanding indebtedness
5	secured by, or with respect to, the
6	building,
7	"(II) the adjusted investor equity
8	in the building, plus
9	"(III) other capital contributions
10	not reflected in the amounts described
11	in subclause (I) or (II), reduced by
12	"(ii) cash distributions from (or avail-
13	able for distribution from) the project.
14	The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations
15	as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out
16	this paragraph, including regulations to prevent
17	the manipulation of the amount determined
18	under the preceding sentence.
19	"(G) Adjusted investor equity.—
20	"(i) In general.—For purposes of
21	subparagraph (F), the term 'adjusted in-
22	vestor equity' means, with respect to any
23	calendar year, the aggregate amount of
24	cash taxpayers invested with respect to the
25	project increased by the amount equal to—

1	"(I) such amount, multiplied by
2	"(II) the cost-of-living adjust-
3	ment for such calendar year, deter-
4	mined under section $1(f)(3)$ by sub-
5	stituting the base calendar year for
6	'calendar year 1987'.
7	An amount shall be taken into account as
8	an investment in the project only to the ex-
9	tent there was an obligation to invest such
10	amount as of the beginning of the credit
11	period and to the extent such amount is
12	reflected in the adjusted basis of the
13	project.
14	"(ii) Cost-of-living increases in
15	EXCESS OF 5 PERCENT NOT TAKEN INTO
16	ACCOUNT.—Under regulations prescribed
17	by the Secretary, if the CPI for any cal-
18	endar year (as defined in section $1(f)(4)$)
19	exceeds the CPI for the preceding calendar
20	year by more than 5 percent, the CPI for
21	the base calendar year shall be increased
22	such that such excess shall never be taken
23	into account under clause (i).
24	"(iii) Base calendar year.—For
25	purposes of this subparagraph, the term

1 'base calendar year' means the calendar 2 year with or within which the 1st taxable 3 year of the credit period ends.

- "(H) MIDDLE-INCOME PORTION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the middle-income portion of a building is the portion of such building equal to the applicable fraction specified in the extended middle-income housing commitment for the building.
- "(I) Period for finding buyer.—The period referred to in this subparagraph is the 1-year period beginning on the date (after the 14th year of the credit period) the taxpayer submits a written request to the housing credit agency to find a person to acquire the taxpayer's interest in the middle-income portion of the building.
- "(J) Effect of noncompliance.—If, during a taxable year, there is a determination that an extended middle-income housing agreement was not in effect as of the beginning of such year, such determination shall not apply to any period before such year and subparagraph (A) shall be applied without regard to such de-

termination if the failure is corrected within 1
year from the date of the determination.

"(K) Projects which consist of more Than 1 building shall be made under regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

"(6) Special rules.—

"(A) BUILDING MUST BE LOCATED WITH-IN JURISDICTION OF CREDIT AGENCY.—A housing credit agency may allocate its aggregate housing credit dollar amount only to buildings located in the jurisdiction of the governmental unit of which such agency is a part.

"(B) AGENCY ALLOCATIONS IN EXCESS OF LIMIT.—If the aggregate housing credit dollar amounts allocated by a housing credit agency for any calendar year exceed the portion of the State housing credit ceiling allocated to such agency for such calendar year, the housing credit dollar amounts so allocated shall be reduced (to the extent of such excess) for buildings in the reverse of the order in which the allocations of such amounts were made.

1	"(C) Credit reduced if allocated
2	CREDIT DOLLAR AMOUNT IS LESS THAN CREDIT
3	WHICH WOULD BE ALLOWABLE WITHOUT RE-
4	GARD TO PLACED IN SERVICE CONVENTION,
5	ETC.—
6	"(i) In General.—The amount of
7	the credit determined under this section
8	with respect to any building shall not ex-
9	ceed the clause (ii) percentage of the
10	amount of the credit which would (but for
11	this subparagraph) be determined under
12	this section with respect to such building.
13	"(ii) Determination of Percent-
14	AGE.—For purposes of clause (i), the
15	clause (ii) percentage with respect to any
16	building is the percentage which—
17	"(I) the housing credit dollar
18	amount allocated to such building
19	bears to
20	"(II) the credit amount deter-
21	mined in accordance with clause (iii).
22	"(iii) Determination of credit
23	AMOUNT.—The credit amount determined
24	in accordance with this clause is the
25	amount of the credit which would (but for

1	this subparagraph) be determined under
2	this section with respect to the building
3	if—
4	"(I) this section were applied
5	without regard to paragraphs (2)(A)
6	and (3)(B) of subsection (f), and
7	"(II) subsection $(f)(3)(A)$ were
8	applied without regard to 'the per-
9	centage equal to $2/3$ of'.
10	"(D) Housing credit agency to speci-
11	FY APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE AND MAXIMUM
12	QUALIFIED BASIS.—In allocating a housing
13	credit dollar amount to any building, the hous-
14	ing credit agency shall specify the applicable
15	percentage and the maximum qualified basis
16	which may be taken into account under this
17	section with respect to such building. The appli-
18	cable percentage and maximum qualified basis
19	so specified shall not exceed the applicable per-
20	centage and qualified basis determined under
21	this section without regard to this subsection.
22	"(7) Increase in state ceiling dedicated
23	TO CERTAIN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—
24	"(A) In General.—The State housing
25	credit ceiling for any calendar year shall be in-

1	creased by an amount equal to 5 percent of the
2	amount determined under paragraph (3)(C)(i).
3	"(B) USE OF INCREASED AMOUNT.—The
4	amount of the increase under subparagraph (A)
5	for any calendar year may only be allocated to
6	buildings located in a nonmetropolitan area (as
7	defined in section $42(d)(5)(B)(iv)(IV)$ which is
8	designated by the Secretary of Housing and
9	Urban Development as a difficult development
10	area (as defined in section 42(d)(5)(B)(iii)).
11	"(8) Other definitions.—For purposes of
12	this subsection—
13	"(A) Housing credit agency.—The
14	term 'housing credit agency' means any agency
15	authorized to carry out this subsection.
16	"(B) Possessions treated as states.—
17	The term 'State' includes a possession of the
18	United States.
19	"(i) Definitions and Special Rules.—For pur-
20	poses of this section—
21	"(1) MIDDLE-INCOME UNIT.—
22	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'middle-in-
23	come unit' means any unit in a building if—
24	"(i) such unit is rent-restricted (as de-
25	fined in subsection $(g)(2)$, and

1	"(ii) the individuals occupying such
2	unit meet the income limitation applicable
3	under subsection (g)(1) to the project of
4	which such building is a part.
5	"(B) Exceptions.—
6	"(i) Exclusion of Low-income
7	UNITS.—A unit shall not be treated as a
8	middle-income unit if such unit is a low-in-
9	come unit (as defined under section
10	42(i)(3)).
11	"(ii) Unit must be suitable for
12	PERMANENT OCCUPANCY.—
13	"(I) In general.—A unit shall
14	not be treated as a middle-income
15	unit unless the unit is suitable for oc-
16	cupancy and used other than on a
17	transient basis.
18	"(II) SUITABILITY FOR OCCU-
19	PANCY.—For purposes of subclause
20	(I), the suitability of a unit for occu-
21	pancy shall be determined under regu-
22	lations prescribed by the Secretary
23	taking into account local health, safe-
24	ty, and building codes.

1	"(III) SINGLE-ROOM OCCUPANCY
2	UNITS.—For purposes of subclause
3	(I), a single-room occupancy unit shall
4	not be treated as used on a transient
5	basis merely because it is rented on a
6	month-by-month basis.
7	"(C) Special rule for buildings hav-
8	ING 4 OR FEWER UNITS.—In the case of any
9	building which has 4 or fewer residential rental
10	units, no unit in such building shall be treated
11	as a middle-income unit if the units in such
12	building are owned by—
13	"(i) any individual who occupies a res-
14	idential unit in such building, or
15	"(ii) any person who is related (as de-
16	fined in subsection $(d)(2)(D)(ii)$ to such
17	individual.
18	"(D) Rules relating to students.—
19	"(i) In general.—A unit occupied
20	solely by individuals who—
21	"(I) have not attained age 24,
22	and
23	"(II) are enrolled in a full-time
24	course of study at an institution of

1	higher education (as defined in section
2	3304(f)),
3	shall not be treated as a middle-income
4	unit.
5	"(ii) Exceptions.—Clause (i) shall
6	not apply to a unit occupied by an indi-
7	vidual who—
8	"(I) is married,
9	"(II) is a person with disabilities
10	(as defined in section $3(b)(3)(E)$ of
11	the United States Housing Act of
12	1937),
13	"(III) is a veteran (as defined in
14	section 101(2) of title 38, United
15	States Code),
16	"(IV) has one or more qualifying
17	children (as defined in section
18	152(e)), or
19	"(V) meets the income limitation
20	applicable under subsection $(g)(1)$ to
21	the project of which the building is a
22	part and is, or was immediately prior
23	to attaining the age of majority—
24	"(aa) an emancipated minor
25	or in legal guardianship as deter-

1	mined by a court of competent
2	jurisdiction in the individual's
3	State of legal residence,
4	"(bb) under the care and
5	placement responsibility of the
6	State agency responsible for ad-
7	ministering a plan under part B
8	or part E of title IV of the Social
9	Security Act, or
10	"(cc) was an unaccompanied
11	youth (within the meaning of sec-
12	tion 725(6) of the McKinney-
13	Vento Homeless Assistance Act
14	(42 U.S.C. 11434a(6))) or a
15	homeless child or youth (within
16	the meaning of section 725(2) of
17	such Act (42 U.S.C.
18	11434a(2))).
19	"(E) Owner-occupied buildings hav-
20	ING 4 OR FEWER UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT
21	WHERE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.—
22	"(i) In General.—Subparagraph (C)
23	shall not apply to the acquisition or reha-
24	bilitation of a building pursuant to a devel-
25	opment plan of action sponsored by a

1	State or local government or a qualified
2	nonprofit organization.
3	"(ii) Limitation on credit.—In the
4	case of a building to which clause (i) ap-
5	plies, the applicable fraction shall not ex-
6	ceed 80 percent of the unit fraction.
7	"(iii) Certain unrented units
8	TREATED AS OWNER-OCCUPIED.—In the
9	case of a building to which clause (i) ap-
10	plies, any unit which is not rented for 90
11	days or more shall be treated as occupied
12	by the owner of the building as of the 1st
13	day it is not rented.
14	"(2) New Building.—The term 'new building'
15	means a building the original use of which begins
16	with the taxpayer.
17	"(3) Existing building.—The term 'existing
18	building' means any building which is not a new
19	building.
20	"(4) Application to estates and trusts.—
21	In the case of an estate or trust, the amount of the
22	credit determined under subsection (a) shall be ap-
23	portioned between the estate or trust and the bene-
24	ficiaries on the basis of the income of the estate or
25	trust allocable to each.

1	"(5) Impact of tenant's option to acquire
2	PROPERTY.—
3	"(A) IN GENERAL.—No Federal income
4	tax benefit shall fail to be allowable to the tax-
5	payer with respect to any qualified middle-in-
6	come building merely by reason of an option
7	held by the tenants (in cooperative form or oth-
8	erwise) or resident management corporation of
9	such building or by a qualified nonprofit organi-
10	zation or government agency to purchase the
11	property or a partnership interest relating to
12	the property after the close of the credit period
13	for a price which is not less than the minimum
14	purchase price determined under subparagraph
15	(B).
16	"(B) MINIMUM PURCHASE PRICE.—For
17	purposes of subparagraph (A), the minimum
18	purchase price under this subparagraph is an
19	amount equal to the sum of—
20	"(i) the principal amount of out-
21	standing indebtedness secured by the
22	building (other than indebtedness incurred
23	within the 5-year period ending on the date
24	of the sale to the tenants), and

1	"(ii) all Federal, State, and local
2	taxes attributable to such sale.
3	Except in the case of Federal income taxes,
4	there shall not be taken into account under
5	clause (ii) any additional tax attributable to the
6	application of clause (ii). In the case of a pur-
7	chase of a partnership interest, the minimum
8	purchase price is an amount equal to such in-
9	terest's ratable share of the amount determined
10	under the first sentence of this subparagraph.
11	"(6) Treatment of rural projects.—For
12	purposes of this section, in the case of any project
13	for residential rental property located in a rural area
14	(as defined in section 520 of the Housing Act of
15	1949), any income limitation measured by reference
16	to area median gross income shall be measured by
17	reference to the greater of area median gross income
18	or national non-metropolitan median income.
19	"(7) Determination of whether building
20	IS FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED.—
21	"(A) In general.—Except as otherwise
22	provided in this paragraph, for purposes of sub-
23	section (g)(1), a project shall be treated as Fed-
24	erally subsidized for any taxable year if, at any

time during such taxable year or any prior tax-

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1	able year, there is or was outstanding any obli-
2	gation the interest on which is exempt from tax
3	under section 103 the proceeds of which are or
4	were used (directly or indirectly) with respect to
5	such project or the operation thereof.
6	"(B) Special rule for subsidized con-
7	STRUCTION FINANCING.—Subparagraph (A)
8	shall not apply to any tax-exempt obligation
9	used to provide construction financing for any
10	building if—
11	"(i) such obligation (when issued)
12	identified the building for which the pro-
13	ceeds of such obligation would be used,
14	and
15	"(ii) such obligation is redeemed be-
16	fore such building is placed in service.
17	"(8) REDUCTION IN BASIS.—In the case of any
18	building for which a credit is allowable under this
19	section and section 42, the basis of the building shall
20	be reduced by the amount of such credit allowed
21	under subsection (a).
22	"(j) Application of At-Risk Rules.—For pur-
23	poses of this section—
24	"(1) In general.—Except as otherwise pro-
25	vided in this subsection, rules similar to the rules of

1	section 49(a)(1) (other than subparagraphs
2	(D)(ii)(II) and $(D)(iv)(I)$ thereof), section $49(a)(2)$,
3	and section 49(b)(1) shall apply in determining the
4	qualified basis of any building in the same manner
5	as such sections apply in determining the credit base
6	of property.
7	"(2) Special rules for determining quali-
8	FIED PERSON.—For purposes of paragraph (1)—
9	"(A) In general.—If the requirements of
10	subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) are met with
11	respect to any financing borrowed from a quali-
12	fied nonprofit organization, the determination
13	of whether such financing is qualified commer-
14	cial financing with respect to any qualified mid-
15	dle-income building shall be made without re-
16	gard to whether such organization—
17	"(i) is actively and regularly engaged
18	in the business of lending money, or
19	"(ii) is a person described in section
20	49(a)(1)(D)(iv)(II).
21	"(B) Financing secured by prop-
22	ERTY.—The requirements of this subparagraph
23	are met with respect to any financing if such fi-
24	nancing is secured by the qualified middle-in-
25	come building, except that this subparagraph

1	shall not apply in the case of a federally as-
2	sisted building described in subsection (d)(5)(B)
3	if—
4	"(i) a security interest in such build-
5	ing is not permitted by a Federal agency
6	holding or insuring the mortgage secured
7	by such building, and
8	"(ii) the proceeds from the financing
9	(if any) are applied to acquire or improve
10	such building.
11	"(C) Portion of building attrib-
12	UTABLE TO FINANCING.—The requirements of
13	this subparagraph are met with respect to any
14	financing for any taxable year in the credit pe-
15	riod if, as of the close of such taxable year, not
16	more than 60 percent of the eligible basis of the
17	qualified middle-income building is attributable
18	to such financing (reduced by the principal and
19	interest of any governmental financing which is
20	part of a wrap-around mortgage involving such
21	financing).
22	"(D) REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND IN-
23	TEREST.—The requirements of this subpara-
24	graph are met with respect to any financing if

1	such financing is fully repaid on or before the
2	earliest of—
3	"(i) the date on which such financing
4	matures,
5	"(ii) the 90th day after the close of
6	the credit period with respect to the quali-
7	fied middle-income building, or
8	"(iii) the date of its refinancing or the
9	sale of the building to which such financ-
10	ing relates.
11	In the case of a qualified nonprofit organization
12	which is not described in section
13	49(a)(1)(D)(iv)(II) with respect to a building,
14	clause (ii) of this subparagraph shall be applied
15	as if the date described therein were the 90th
16	day after the earlier of the date the building
17	ceases to be a qualified middle-income building
18	or the date which is 15 years after the close of
19	a credit period with respect thereto.
20	"(3) Present value of financing.—If the
21	rate of interest on any financing described in para-
22	graph (2)(A) is less than the rate which is 1 per-
23	centage point below the applicable Federal rate as of
24	the time such financing is incurred, then the quali-
25	fied basis (to which such financing relates) of the

qualified middle-income building shall be the present value of the amount of such financing, using as the discount rate such applicable Federal rate. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the rate of interest on any financing shall be determined by treating interest to the extent of government subsidies as not payable.

"(4) Failure to fully repay.—

"(A) In General.—To the extent that the requirements of paragraph (2)(D) are not met, then the taxpayer's tax under this chapter for the taxable year in which such failure occurs shall be increased by an amount equal to the applicable portion of the credit under this section with respect to such building, increased by an amount of interest for the period—

"(i) beginning with the due date for the filing of the return of tax imposed by chapter 1 for the 1st taxable year for which such credit was allowable, and

"(ii) ending with the due date for the taxable year in which such failure occurs, determined by using the underpayment rate and method under section 6621.

1	"(B) Applicable portion.—For pur-
2	poses of subparagraph (A), the term 'applicable
3	portion' means the aggregate decrease in the
4	credits allowed to a taxpayer under section 38
5	for all prior taxable years which would have re-
6	sulted if the eligible basis of the building were
7	reduced by the amount of financing which does
8	not meet requirements of paragraph (2)(D).
9	"(C) CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.—Rules
10	similar to the rules of subparagraphs (A) and
11	(D) of section 42(j)(4) shall apply for purposes
12	of this subsection.
13	"(k) Certifications and Other Reports to Sec-
14	RETARY.—
15	"(1) Certification with respect to 187
16	YEAR OF CREDIT PERIOD.—Following the close of
17	the 1st taxable year in the credit period with respect
18	to any qualified middle-income building, the tax-
19	payer shall certify to the Secretary (at such time
20	and in such form and in such manner as the Sec-
21	retary prescribes)—
22	"(A) the taxable year, and calendar year
23	in which such building was placed in service

1	"(B) the adjusted basis and eligible basis
2	of such building as of the close of the 1st year
3	of the credit period,
4	"(C) the maximum applicable percentage
5	and qualified basis permitted to be taken into
6	account by the appropriate housing credit agen-
7	cy under subsection (h), and
8	"(D) such other information as the Sec-
9	retary may require.
10	In the case of a failure to make the certification re-
11	quired by the preceding sentence on the date pre-
12	scribed therefor, unless it is shown that such failure
13	is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect,
14	no credit shall be allowable by reason of subsection
15	(a) with respect to such building for any taxable
16	year ending before such certification is made.
17	"(2) Annual reports to the secretary.—
18	The Secretary may require taxpayers to submit an
19	information return (at such time and in such form
20	and manner as the Secretary prescribes) for each
21	taxable year setting forth—
22	"(A) the qualified basis for the taxable
23	year of each qualified middle-income building of
24	the taxpayer,

1	"(B) the information described in para-
2	graph (1)(C) for the taxable year, and
3	"(C) such other information as the Sec-
4	retary may require.
5	The penalty under section 6652(j) shall apply to any
6	failure to submit the return required by the Sec-
7	retary under the preceding sentence on the date pre-
8	scribed therefor.
9	"(3) Annual reports from housing credit
10	AGENCIES.—Each agency which allocates any hous-
11	ing credit amount to any building for any calendar
12	year shall submit to the Secretary (at such time and
13	in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe) an
14	annual report specifying—
15	"(A) the amount of housing credit amount
16	allocated to each building for such year,
17	"(B) sufficient information to identify each
18	such building and the taxpayer with respect
19	thereto, and
20	"(C) such other information as the Sec-
21	retary may require.
22	The penalty under section 6652(j) shall apply to any
23	failure to submit the report required by the pre-
24	ceding sentence on the date prescribed therefor.

1	"(l) Responsibilities of Housing Credit Agen-
2	CIES.—
3	"(1) Plans for allocation of credit
4	AMONG PROJECTS.—
5	"(A) In General.—Notwithstanding any
6	other provision of this section, the housing cred-
7	it dollar amount with respect to any building
8	shall be zero unless—
9	"(i) such amount was allocated pursu-
10	ant to a qualified allocation plan of the
11	housing credit agency which is approved by
12	the governmental unit (in accordance with
13	rules similar to the rules of section
14	42(m)(1)) of which such agency is a part,
15	"(ii) such agency notifies the chief ex-
16	ecutive officer (or the equivalent) of the
17	local jurisdiction within which the building
18	is located of such project and provides
19	such individual a reasonable opportunity to
20	comment on the project,
21	"(iii) a comprehensive market study
22	of the housing needs of middle-income in-
23	dividuals in the area to be served by the
24	project is conducted before the credit allo-
25	cation is made and at the developer's ex-

1	pense by a disinterested party who is ap-
2	proved by such agency, and
3	"(iv) a written explanation is available
4	to the general public for any allocation of
5	a housing credit dollar amount which is
6	not made in accordance with established
7	priorities and selection criteria of the hous-
8	ing credit agency.
9	"(B) QUALIFIED ALLOCATION PLAN.—For
10	purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified
11	allocation plan' means any plan—
12	"(i) which sets forth selection criteria
13	to be used to determine housing priorities
14	of the housing credit agency which are ap-
15	propriate to local conditions,
16	"(ii) which also gives preference in al-
17	locating housing credit dollar amounts
18	among selected projects to—
19	"(I) projects obligated to serve
20	qualified tenants for the longest peri-
21	ods,
22	"(II) projects in areas where
23	rents are unaffordable to median in-
24	come households,

1	"(III) projects which target hous-
2	ing to tenants at a range of incomes
3	between 60 and 100 percent of area
4	median gross income, taking local in-
5	come and market conditions into ac-
6	count, and
7	"(IV) projects located near tran-
8	sit hubs, and
9	"(iii) which provides a procedure that
10	the agency (or an agent or other private
11	contractor of such agency) will follow in
12	monitoring for noncompliance with the
13	provisions of this section and in notifying
14	the Internal Revenue Service of such non-
15	compliance which such agency becomes
16	aware of and in monitoring for noncompli-
17	ance with habitability standards through
18	regular site visits.
19	"(C) CERTAIN SELECTION CRITERIA MUST
20	BE USED.—The selection criteria set forth in a
21	qualified allocation plan must include—
22	"(i) project location,
23	"(ii) housing needs characteristics,
24	"(iii) project characteristics, including
25	whether the project includes the use of ex-

1	isting housing as part of a community revi-
2	talization plan,
3	"(iv) sponsor characteristics,
4	"(v) tenant populations with special
5	housing needs,
6	"(vi) tenant populations of individuals
7	with children,
8	"(vii) projects intended for eventual
9	tenant ownership,
10	"(viii) the energy efficiency of the
11	project, and
12	"(ix) the historic nature of the
13	project.
14	"(D) CERTAIN SELECTION CRITERIA PRO-
15	HIBITED.—The selection criteria set forth in a
16	qualified allocation plan shall not include a re-
17	quirement of local approval or local contribu-
18	tions, either as a threshold qualification re-
19	quirement or as part of a point system to be
20	considered for allocations of housing credit dol-
21	lar amount. This subparagraph shall not apply
22	to the notice and opportunity to comment re-
23	quirement for chief executive officers (or the
24	equivalent) of local jurisdictions under subpara-
25	graph (A)(ii).

1	"(2) Credit allocated to building not to	
2	EXCEED AMOUNT NECESSARY TO ASSURE PROJECT	
3	FEASIBILITY.—	
4	"(A) In General.—The housing credit	
5	dollar amount allocated to a project shall not	
6	exceed the amount the housing credit agency	
7	determines is necessary for the financial feasi-	
8	bility of the project and its viability as a quali-	
9	fied middle-income housing project throughout	
10	the credit period.	
11	"(B) Agency evaluation.—In making	
12	the determination under subparagraph (A), the	
13	housing credit agency shall consider—	
14	"(i) the sources and uses of funds and	
15	the total financing planned for the project,	
16	"(ii) any proceeds or receipts expected	
17	to be generated by reason of tax benefits,	
18	"(iii) the percentage of the housing	
19	credit dollar amount used for project costs	
20	other than the cost of intermediaries, and	
21	"(iv) the reasonableness of the devel-	
22	opmental and operational costs of the	
23	project.	
24	Clause (iii) shall not be applied so as to impede	
25	the development of projects in hard-to-develop	

1	areas. Such a determination shall not be con-
2	strued to be a representation or warranty as to
3	the feasibility or viability of the project.
4	"(C) Determination made when cred-
5	IT AMOUNT APPLIED FOR AND WHEN BUILDING
6	PLACED IN SERVICE.—
7	"(i) In General.—A determination
8	under subparagraph (A) shall be made as
9	of each of the following times:
10	"(I) The application for the
11	housing credit dollar amount.
12	"(II) The allocation of the hous-
13	ing credit dollar amount.
14	"(III) The date the building is
15	placed in service.
16	"(ii) Certification as to amount
17	OF OTHER SUBSIDIES.—Prior to each de-
18	termination under clause (i), the taxpayer
19	shall certify to the housing credit agency
20	the full extent of all Federal, State, and
21	local subsidies which apply (or which the
22	taxpayer expects to apply) with respect to
23	the building.
24	"(m) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
25	such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to

1	carry out the purposes of this section, including regula-
2	tions—
3	"(1) dealing with—
4	"(A) projects which include more than 1
5	building or only a portion of a building,
6	"(B) buildings which are placed in service
7	in portions,
8	"(2) providing for the application of this section
9	to short taxable years,
10	"(3) preventing the avoidance of the rules of
11	this section, and
12	"(4) providing the opportunity for housing cred-
13	it agencies to correct administrative errors and omis-
14	sions with respect to allocations and record keeping
15	within a reasonable period after their discovery, tak-
16	ing into account the availability of regulations and
17	other administrative guidance from the Secretary.".
18	(b) Treatment as Part of General Business
19	CREDIT.—Section 38(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of
20	1986 is amended by striking "plus" at the end of para-
21	graph (31), by striking the period at the end of paragraph
22	(32) and inserting ", plus", and by adding at the end the
23	following new paragraph:
24	"(33) the middle-income housing credit deter-
25	mined under section 42A(a) "

1	(c) Unused Allocations Carried Over to Low-
2	Income Housing Credit.—
3	(1) In general.—Clause (i) of section
4	42(h)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
5	is amended—
6	(A) by striking "the unused" and inserting
7	"the sum of—
8	"(I) the unused",
9	(B) by inserting "plus" after "calendar
10	year,", and
11	(C) by adding at the end the following new
12	subclause:
13	"(II) the unused middle-income
14	State housing credit (if any) of such
15	State for the preceding calendar
16	year,".
17	(2) Unused middle-income state housing
18	CREDIT.—The second sentence of section
19	42(h)(3)(C) of such Code is amended by inserting ",
20	and the unused middle-income State housing credit
21	for any calendar year is the excess (if any) of the
22	amount described in section 42A(h)(3)(C) (after ap-
23	plication of section 42A(h)(7)) for such State over
24	the aggregate amount of middle-income housing

1	credit dollar amount allocated by such State under
2	section 42A for such year" after "for such year".
3	(3) Unused middle income state housing
4	CREDIT INCLUDED IN CARRYOVER ALLOCATION.—
5	Section 42(h)(3)(D)(ii) of such Code is amended—
6	(A) by inserting "the sum of" after "is the
7	excess (if any) of", and
8	(B) by inserting "plus the unused middle-
9	income State housing credit (as so defined)"
10	after "as defined in subparagraph (C)(i))".
11	(d) Reduction in Basis.—Section 1016(a) of the
12	Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
13	"and" at the end of paragraph (37), by striking the period
14	at the end of paragraph (38) and inserting ", and", and
15	by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
16	"(39) to the extent provided in section
17	42A(i)(8).".
18	(e) Conforming Amendments.—
19	(1) Section 55(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue
20	Code of 1986 is amended by inserting "42A(j)," be-
21	fore "45(e)(11)(C)".
22	(2) Subsections $(i)(3)(C)$, $(i)(6)(B)(i)$, and
23	(k)(1) of section 469 of such Code are each amended
24	by inserting "or 42A" after "42".

1	(3) Section 772(a) of such Code is amended by
2	redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) as para-
3	graphs (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and by in-
4	serting after paragraph (7) the following new para-
5	graph:

- "(8) the middle-income housing credit determined under section 42A,".
- 8 (4) The table of sections for subpart D of part
 9 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is
 10 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec11 tion 42 the following new item:

"Sec. 42A. Middle-income housing credit.".

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12 (f) Effective Date.—The amendments made by 13 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the 14 date of the enactment of this Act.

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