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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for middleincome 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 Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Middle-Income Hous5 ing Tax Credit Act of 2016". 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 2,800,000 affordable homes in the United States for roughly 6,500,000 households. In Oregon, the program has financed over 37,000 affordable homes, providing housing to over 85,000 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 $11,400,000$-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.
(4) In Oregon, where housing affordability is an acute problem, demand for low-income housing tax credits exceeds supply by 3 to 1 .
(5) In July of 2016, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2016 was introduced to expand and strengthen the low-income housing tax credit. To provide States with further tools to encourage the development of greatly needed additional affordable housing, the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2016 would increase the annual per capita low income housing tax credit allocation and small State minimum by 50 percent phased in over 5 years.
(b) Sense of the Senate.-It is the sense of the Senate 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
(2) Congress should further improve and enhance the low-income housing tax credit by passing the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2016.

## SEC. 3. MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT.

(a) In General.-Subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 is amended by inserting after section 42 the following new section:

## "SEC. 42A. MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT.

"(a) In General.-For purposes of section 38, the amount of the middle-income housing credit determined under this section for any taxable year in the credit period shall be an amount equal to-
"(1) the applicable percentage of
"(2) the qualified basis of each qualified mid-dle-income building.
"(b) Applicable Percentage.-
"(1) Determination of applicable per-centage.-For purposes of this section-
"(A) In general.-The term 'applicable percentage' means, with respect to any building, the appropriate percentage prescribed by the Secretary for the earlier of-
"(i) the month in which such building is placed in service, or
"(ii) at the election of the taxpayer, the month in which the taxpayer and the housing credit agency enter into an agreement with respect to such building (which is binding on such agency, the taxpayer, and all successors in interest) as to the
housing credit dollar amount to be allocated to such building.

A month may be elected under clause (ii) only if the election is made not later than the 5th day after the close of such month. Such an election, once made, shall be irrevocable.
"(B) Method of prescribing percent-AGES.-The percentages prescribed by the Secretary for any month shall be percentages which will yield over a 15 -year period amounts of credit under subsection (a) which have a present value equal to 50 percent of the qualified basis of a new building.
"(C) Method of discounting.-The present value under subparagraph (B) shall be determined-
"(i) as of the last day of the 1st year of the 15 -year period referred to in subparagraph (B),
"(ii) by using a discount rate equal to 72 percent of the average of the annual Federal mid-term rate and the annual Federal long-term rate applicable under section 1274(d)(1) to the month applicable
under clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) and compounded annually, and
"(iii) by assuming that the credit allowable under this section for any year is received on the last day of such year.
"(2) Minimum credit rate.-The applicable percentage for any building shall not be less than 5 percent.
"(3) Cross references.-
"(A) For treatment of certain rehabilitation expenditures as separate new buildings, see subsection (e).
"(B) For determination of applicable percentage for increases in qualified basis after the 1st year of the credit period, see subsection (f)(3).
"(C) For authority of housing credit agency to limit applicable percentage and qualified basis which may be taken into account under this section with respect to any building, see subsection (h)(6).
"(c) Qualified Basis; Qualified Middle-Income
Building.-For purposes of this section-
"(1) Qualified basis.-
"(A) Determination.-The qualified basis of any qualified middle-income building for any taxable year is an amount equal to-
"(i) the applicable fraction (determined as of the close of such taxable year) of
"(ii) the eligible basis of such building (determined under subsection (d)).
"(B) Applicable fraction.-For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term 'applicable fraction' means the smaller of the unit fraction or the floor space fraction.
"(C) Unit fraction.-For purposes of subparagraph (B), the term 'unit fraction' means the fraction-
"(i) the numerator of which is the number of middle-income units in the building, and
"(ii) the denominator of which is the number of residential rental units (whether or not occupied) in such building.
"(D) Floor space fraction.-For purposes of subparagraph (B), the term 'floor space fraction' means the fraction-
"(i) the numerator of which is the total floor space of the middle-income units in such building, and
"(ii) the denominator of which is the total floor space of the residential rental units (whether or not occupied) in such building.
"(2) Qualified middle-Income building."(A) In general.-The term 'qualified middle-income building' means any building which is part of a qualified middle-income housing project at all times during the period-
"(i) beginning on the 1st day in the credit period on which such building is part of such a project, and
"(ii) ending on the last day of the credit period with respect to such building. "(B) Certain buildings not in-cluded.-The term 'qualified middle-income building' does not include any building if such building is designated as a building to which the low-income housing tax credit applies in an election under section 42 (i)(10).
"(d) Eligible Basis.-For purposes of this sec-tion-
"(1) New buildings.-The eligible basis of a new building is its adjusted basis as of the close of the 1st taxable year of the credit period.
"(2) Existing buildings.-
"(A) In general.-The eligible basis of an existing building is-
"(i) in the case of a building which meets the requirements of subparagraph (B), its adjusted basis as of the close of the 1st taxable year of the credit period, and
"(ii) zero in any other case.
"(B) Requirements.-A building meets the requirements of this subparagraph if-
"(i) the building is acquired by purchase (as defined in section 179(d)(2)),
"(ii) there is a period of at least 10 years between the date of its acquisition by the taxpayer and the date the building was last placed in service,
"(iii) the building was not previously placed in service by the taxpayer or by any person who was a related person with respect to the taxpayer as of the time previously placed in service, and
"(iv) except as provided in subsection (f)(5), a credit is allowable under subsection (a) by reason of subsection (e) with respect to the building.
"(C) Adjusted basis.-For purposes of subparagraph (A), the adjusted basis of any building shall not include so much of the basis of such building as is determined by reference to the basis of other property held at any time by the person acquiring the building.
"(D) Speclal rules.-
"(i) Speclal Rules for certain TRANSFERS.-For purposes of determining under subparagraph (B)(ii) when a building was last placed in service, there shall not be taken into account any placement in service-
"(I) in connection with the acquisition of the building in a transaction in which the basis of the building in the hands of the person acquiring it is determined in whole or in part by reference to the adjusted basis of such building in the hands of the person from whom acquired,
"(II) by a person whose basis in such building is determined under section 1014(a) (relating to property acquired from a decedent),
"(III) by any governmental unit or qualified nonprofit organization if the requirements of subparagraph (B)(ii) are met with respect to the placement in service by such unit or organization and all the income from such property is exempt from Federal income taxation,
"(IV) by any person who acquired such building by foreclosure (or by instrument in lieu of foreclosure) of any purchase-money security interest held by such person if the requirements of subparagraph (B)(ii) are met with respect to the placement in service by such person and such building is resold within 12 months after the date such building is placed in service by such person after such foreclosure, or
"(V) of a single-family residence by any individual who owned and used such residence for no other purpose than as his principal residence.
"(ii) Related person.-For purposes of subparagraph (B)(iii), a person (hereinafter in this subclause referred to as the 'related person') is related to any person if the related person bears a relationship to such person specified in section $267(\mathrm{~b})$ or $707(\mathrm{~b})(1)$, or the related person and such person are engaged in trades or businesses under common control (within the meaning of subsections (a) and (b) of section 52).
"(3) Special rules relating to determination of adjusted basis.-For purposes of this subsection-
"(A) In general.-Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the adjusted basis of any building shall be determined without regard to the adjusted basis of any property which is not residential rental property.
"(B) Basis of property in common areas, etc., included.-The adjusted basis
of any building shall be determined by taking into account the adjusted basis of property (of a character subject to the allowance for depreciation) used in common areas or provided as comparable amenities to all residential rental units in such building.
"(C) No reduction for Deprecla-TION.-The adjusted basis of any building shall be determined without regard to paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 1016(a).
"(4) Credit allowable for certain buildings acquired during 10 -Year period deSCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (2)(B)(II).-On application by the taxpayer, the Secretary may waive paragraph (2)(B)(ii) with respect to any building acquired from an insured depository institution in default (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) or from a receiver or conservator of such an institution.
"(5) Acquisition of building before end of PRIOR CREDIT PERIOD.-
"(A) In general.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, in the case of a building described in subparagraph (B) (or in-
terest therein) which is acquired by the tax-payer-
"(i) paragraph (2)(B) shall not apply, but
"(ii) the credit allowable by reason of subsection (a) to the taxpayer for any period after such acquisition shall be equal to the amount of credit which would have been allowable under subsection (a) for such period to the prior owner referred to in subparagraph (B) had such owner not disposed of the building.
"(B) Description of Building.-A building is described in this subparagraph if-
"(i) a credit was allowed by reason of subsection (a) to any prior owner of such building, and
"(ii) the taxpayer acquired such building before the end of the credit period for such building with respect to such prior owner (determined without regard to any disposition by such prior owner).
"(e) Rehabilitation Expenditures Treated as
Separate New Building.-
"(1) In general.-Rehabilitation expenditures paid or incurred by the taxpayer with respect to any building shall be treated for purposes of this section as a separate new building.
"(2) Rehabilitation expenditures.-For purposes of paragraph (1)—
"(A) In general.-The term 'rehabilitation expenditures' means amounts chargeable to capital account and incurred for property (or additions or improvements to property) of a character subject to the allowance for depreciation in connection with the rehabilitation of a building.
"(B) Cost of ACQuisition, ETC., Not in-cluded.-Such term does not include the cost of acquiring any building (or interest therein) or any amount not permitted to be taken into account under paragraph (3) of subsection (d).
"(C) Certain relocation costs.-In the case of a rehabilitation of a building to which section 280B does not apply, costs relating to the relocation of occupants, including-
"(i) amounts paid to occupants,
"(ii) amounts paid to third parties for services relating to such relocation, and
"(iii) amounts paid for temporary housing for occupants, shall be treated as chargeable to capital account and taken into account as rehabilitation expenditures.
"(3) Minimum expenditures TO Qualify."(A) In gENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall apply to rehabilitation expenditures with respect to any building only if-
"(i) the expenditures are allocable to 1 or more middle-income units or substantially benefit such units, and
"(ii) the amount of such expenditures during any 24-month period meets the requirements of whichever of the following subclauses requires the greater amount of such expenditures:
"(I) The requirement of this subclause is met if such amount is not less than 20 percent of the adjusted basis of the building (determined as of the 1st day of such period and without regard to paragraphs (2) and (3) of section $1016(a))$.
"(II) The requirement of this subclause is met if the qualified basis attributable to such amount, when divided by the number of middle-income units in the building, is equal to or greater than the dollar amount in effect under section $42(\mathrm{e})(3)(\mathrm{A})(\mathrm{ii})(\mathrm{II})$ for the calendar year in which such expenditures are treated as placed in service under paragraph (4).
"(B) Date of determination.-The determination under subparagraph (A) shall be made as of the close of the 1st taxable year in the credit period with respect to such expenditures.
"(4) Speclal Rules.-For purposes of applying this section with respect to expenditures which are treated as a separate building by reason of this subsection-
"(A) such expenditures shall be treated as placed in service at the close of the 24 -month period referred to in paragraph (3)(A), and
"(B) the applicable fraction under subsection (c)(1) shall be the applicable fraction for the building (without regard to paragraph (1))
with respect to which the expenditures were incurred.

Nothing in subsection (d)(2) shall prevent a credit from being allowed by reason of this subsection.
"(5) No double counting.-Rehabilitation expenditures may, at the election of the taxpayer, be taken into account under this subsection or subsection (d)(2)(A)(i) but not under both such subsections.
"(6) Regulations to apply subsection with respect to group of units in building.The Secretary may prescribe regulations, consistent with the purposes of this subsection, treating a group of units with respect to which rehabilitation expenditures are incurred as a separate new building.
"(f) Definition and Speclal Rules Relating to Credit Period.-
"(1) Credit period defined.-For purposes of this section, the term 'credit period' means, with respect to any building, the period of 15 taxable years beginning with-
"(A) the taxable year in which the building is placed in service, or
"(B) at the election of the taxpayer, the succeeding taxable year, but only if the building is a qualified middle-income building as of the close of the 1st year of such period. The election under subparagraph (B), once made, shall be irrevocable.
"(2) Speclal rule for ist year of credit PERIOD.-
"(A) In general.-The credit allowable under subsection (a) with respect to any building for the 1st taxable year of the credit period shall be determined by substituting for the applicable fraction under subsection (c)(1) the fraction-
"(i) the numerator of which is the sum of the applicable fractions determined under subsection (c)(1) as of the close of each full month of such year during which such building was in service, and
"(ii) the denominator of which is 12 .
"(B) Disallowed 1st year credit alLOWED IN 16 TH YEAR.-Any reduction by reason of subparagraph (A) in the credit allowable (without regard to subparagraph (A)) for the 1st taxable year of the credit period shall be al-
lowable under subsection (a) for the 1st taxable year following the credit period.
"(3) Determination of applicable perCentage with respect To increases in quali-

FIED BASIS AFTER 1ST YEAR OF CREDIT PERIOD.-
"(A) In general.-In the case of any building which was a qualified middle-income building as of the close of the 1st year of the credit period, if-
"(i) as of the close of any taxable year in the credit period (after the 1st year of such period) the qualified basis of such building exceeds
"(ii) the qualified basis of such building as of the close of the 1st year of the credit period,
the applicable percentage which shall apply under subsection (a) for the taxable year to such excess shall be the percentage equal to $2 / 3$ of the applicable percentage which (after the application of subsection (h)) would but for this paragraph apply to such basis.
"(B) 1st year computation applies.A rule similar to the rule of paragraph (2)(A) shall apply to any increase in qualified basis to
which subparagraph (A) applies for the 1st year of such increase.
"(4) Dispositions of property.-If a building (or an interest therein) is disposed of during any year for which credit is allowable under subsection (a), such credit shall be allocated between the parties on the basis of the number of days during such year the building (or interest) was held by each.
"(5) Credit period for existing buildings Not to begin before rehabilitation credit ALLOWED.-
"(A) In general.-The credit period for an existing building shall not begin before the 1st taxable year of the credit period for rehabilitation expenditures with respect to the building.
"(B) Acquisition credit allowed for CERTAIN BUILDINGS NOT ALLOWED A REHAbilitation credit.-
"(i) In general.-In the case of a building described in clause (ii)-
"(I) subsection (d)(2)(B)(iv) shall not apply, and
"(II) the credit period for such building shall not begin before the
taxable year which would be the 1 st taxable year of the credit period for rehabilitation expenditures with respect to the building under the modifications described in clause (ii)(II).
"(ii) BuIlding DESCRIBED.-A building is described in this clause if-
"(I) a waiver is granted under subsection $(d)(4)$ with respect to the acquisition of the building, and
"(II) a credit would be allowed for rehabilitation expenditures with respect to such building if subsection (e)(3)(A)(ii)(I) did not apply and if the dollar amount in effect under subsection (e)(3)(A)(ii)(II) were twothirds of such amount.
"(g) Qualified Middle-Income Housing Project.-For purposes of this section-
"(1) In general.-The term 'qualified middleincome housing project' means any project for residential rental property if-
"(A) 60 percent or more of the residential units in such project are both rent-restricted and occupied by individuals whose income is

100 percent or less of area median gross income, and
"(B) such project is not federally subsidized and is not financed with the proceeds of any federally funded grant.

For purposes of subparagraph (A), residential units in a building which is not a qualified middle-income building by reason of subsection (c)(2)(B) shall not be taken into account.
"(2) Rent-Restricted units.-
"(A) In general.-For purposes of paragraph (1), a residential unit is rent-restricted if 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 amount of assistance provided for rent is not separable from the amount of assistance provided for supportive services, and
"(iii) does not include any rental payment to the owner of the unit to the extent such owner pays an equivalent amount to the Farmers' Home Administration under section 515 of the Housing Act of 1949.

For purposes of clause (ii), the term 'supportive service' means any service provided under a planned program of services designed to enable
residents of a residential rental property to remain independent and avoid placement in a hospital, nursing home, or intermediate care facility for the mentally or physically handicapped.
"(C) Iniputed income limitation appliCABLE TO unit.-For purposes of this paragraph, the imputed income limitation applicable to a unit is the income limitation which would apply under paragraph (1) to individuals occupying the unit if the number of individuals occupying the unit were as follows:
"(i) In the case of a unit which does not have a separate bedroom, 1 individual.
"(ii) In the case of a unit which has 1 or more separate bedrooms, 1.5 individuals for each separate bedroom.
"(D) Treatment of units occupied by individuals whose incomes rise above Limit.-
"(i) In general.-Except as provided in clause (ii), notwithstanding an increase in the income of the occupants of a middle-income unit above the income limitation applicable under paragraph (1),
such unit shall continue to be treated as a middle-income unit if the income of such occupants initially met such income limitation and such unit continues to be rent-restricted.
"(ii) Next available unit must be rented to middle-income tenant if income rises above 140 percent of income limit.-If the income of the occupants of the unit increases above 140 percent of the income limitation applicable under paragraph (1), clause (i) shall cease to apply to such unit if any residential rental unit in the building (of a size comparable 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.
"(ii) Treatment of elected buildings.-In the case of a building which the taxpayer elects to take into account under clause (i), the period under subparagraph (A) for such building shall end at the close of the 12 -month period applicable to the prior building.
"(iii) Date prior building is treated as Placed in service.-For purposes of determining the credit period for the prior building, the prior building shall be treated for purposes of this section
as placed in service on the most recent date any additional building elected by the taxpayer (with respect to such prior building) was placed in service.
"(C) Special rule.-A building-
"(i) other than the 1st building placed in service as part of a project, and
"(ii) other than a building which is placed in service during the 12 -month period described in subparagraph (A) with respect to a prior building which becomes a qualified middle-income building, shall in no event be treated as a qualified mid-dle-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 $142(\mathrm{~d})$, and section $6652(\mathrm{j})$, 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
"(B) the term 'applicable income limit' means the limitation under paragraph (1) of this subsection.
"(5) Election to treat building after credit period as not part of a project.-For purposes of this section, the taxpayer may elect to treat any building as not part of a qualified middleincome housing project for any period beginning after the credit period for such building.
"(6) Special rule where de minimis EqUITY CONTRIBUTION.-Property shall not be treated as failing to be residential rental property for pur-
poses of this section merely because the occupant of a residential unit in the project pays (on a voluntary basis) to the lessor a de minimis amount to be held toward the purchase by such occupant of a residential unit in such project if-
"(A) all amounts so paid are refunded to the occupant on the cessation of his occupancy of a unit in the project, and
"(B) the purchase of the unit is not permitted until after the close of the credit period with respect to the building in which the unit is located.

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 ten-
ant 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 ten-ants-
"(A) with special needs,
"(B) who are members of a specified group under a Federal program or State program or policy that supports housing for such a specified group, or
"(C) who are involved in artistic or literary activities.
"(h) Limitation on Aggregate Credit Allowable With Respect to Projects Located in a State.-
"(1) Credit may not exceed Credit AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO BUILDING.-
"(A) In general.-The amount of the credit determined under this section for any taxable year with respect to any building shall not exceed the housing credit dollar amount allocated to such building under this subsection.
"(B) Time for making allocation.Except in the case of an allocation which meets the requirements of subparagraph (C), (D), (E), or (F), an allocation shall be taken into account under subparagraph (A) only if it is made not later than the close of the calendar year in which the building is placed in service.
"(C) Exception where binding com-mitment.-An allocation meets the requirements of this subparagraph if there is a binding commitment (not later than the close of the calendar year in which the building is placed in service) by the housing credit agency to allocate a specified housing credit dollar amount to such building beginning in a specified later taxable year.
"(D) Exception where increase in qualified basis.-
"(i) In General.-An allocation meets the requirements of this subparagraph if such allocation is made not later than the close of the calendar year in which ends the taxable year to which it will 1st apply but only to the extent the
amount of such allocation does not exceed the limitation under clause (ii).
"(ii) Limitation.-The limitation under this clause is the amount of credit allowable under this section (without regard to this subsection) for a taxable year with respect to an increase in the qualified basis of the building equal to the excess of-
"(I) the qualified basis of such building as of the close of the 1st taxable year to which such allocation will apply, over
"(II) the qualified basis of such building as of the close of the 1st taxable year to which the most recent prior housing credit allocation with respect to such building applied.
"(iii) Housing credit dollar amount reduced by full alloca-TION.-Notwithstanding clause (i), the full amount of the allocation shall be taken into account under paragraph (2).
"(E) Exception where 10 Percent of COST INCURRED.-
"(i) In General.-An allocation meets the requirements of this subparagraph if such allocation is made with respect to a qualified building which is placed in service not later than the close of the second calendar year following the calendar year in which the allocation is made.
"(ii) Qualified building.-For purposes of clause (i), the term 'qualified building' means any building which is part of a project if the taxpayer's basis in such project (as of the date which is 1 year after the date that the allocation was made) is more than 10 percent of the taxpayer's reasonably expected basis in such project (as of the close of the second calendar year referred to in clause (i)). Such term does not include any existing building unless a credit is allowable under subsection (e) for rehabilitation expenditures paid or incurred by the taxpayer with respect to such building for a taxable year ending during the second calendar year referred to in clause (i) or the prior taxable year.
"(F) Allocation of credit on a PROJECT BASIS.-
"(i) In general.-In the case of a project which includes (or will include) more than 1 building, an allocation meets the requirements of this subparagraph if-
"(I) the allocation is made to the project for a calendar year during the project period,
"(II) the allocation only applies to buildings placed in service during or after the calendar year for which the allocation is made, and
"(III) the portion of such allocation which is allocated to any building in such project is specified not later than the close of the calendar year in which the building is placed in service. "(ii) Project Period.-For purposes of clause (i), the term 'project period' means the period-
"(I) beginning with the 1st calendar year for which an allocation may be made for the 1st building
placed in service as part of such project, and
"(II) ending with the calendar year the last building is placed in service as part of such project.
"(2) Allocated credit amount to apply to all taxable years ending during or after credit allocation year.-Any housing credit dollar amount allocated to any building for any calendar year-
"(A) shall apply to such building for all taxable years in the credit period ending during or after such calendar year, and
"(B) shall reduce the aggregate housing credit dollar amount of the allocating agency only for such calendar year.
"(3) Housing credit dollar amount for agencies.-
"(A) In general.-The aggregate housing credit dollar amount which a housing credit agency may allocate for any calendar year is the portion of the State housing credit ceiling allocated under this paragraph for such calendar year to such agency.
"(B) State ceiling initially alloCATED TO STATE HOUSING CREDIT AGEN-CIES.-Except as provided in subparagraphs (D) and (E), the State housing credit ceiling for each calendar year shall be allocated to the housing credit agency of such State. If there is more than 1 housing credit agency of a State, all such agencies shall be treated as a single agency.
"(C) State housing credit ceiling.The State housing credit ceiling applicable to any State for any calendar year shall be an amount equal to the sum of-
"(i) the greater of-
"(I) $\$ 1.00$ multiplied by the State population, or
"(II) $\$ 1,140,000$, plus
"(ii) the amount of State housing credit ceiling returned in the calendar year. For purposes of clause (ii), the amount of State housing credit ceiling returned in the calendar year equals the housing credit dollar amount previously allocated within the State to any project which fails to meet the 10 percent test under paragraph (1)(E)(ii) on a date after the
close of the calendar year in which the allocation was made or which does not become a qualified middle-income housing project within the period required by this section or the terms of the allocation or to any project with respect to which an allocation is cancelled by mutual consent of the housing credit agency and the allocation recipient.
"(D) Speclal Rule for states with constitutional home rule cities.-For purposes of this subsection-
"(i) In general.-The aggregate housing credit dollar amount for any constitutional home rule city for any calendar year shall be an amount which bears the same ratio to the State housing credit ceiling for such calendar year as-
"(I) the population of such city, bears to
"(II) the population of the entire State.
"(ii) Coordination with other al-locations.-In the case of any State which contains 1 or more constitutional home rule cities, for purposes of applying
this paragraph with respect to housing credit agencies in such State other than constitutional home rule cities, the State housing credit ceiling for any calendar year shall be reduced by the aggregate housing credit dollar amounts determined for such year for all constitutional home rule cities in such State.
"(iii) Constitutional home rule CITY.-For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'constitutional home rule city' has the meaning given such term by section 146(d)(3)(C).
"(E) State may provide for different allocation.-Rules similar to the rules of section 146(e) (other than paragraph (2)(B) thereof) shall apply for purposes of this paragraph.
"(F) Population.-For purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined in accordance with section $146(\mathrm{j})$.
"(G) Cost-of-living adjustment.-
"(i) In general.-In the case of a calendar year after 2017, the $\$ 1,140,000$ and $\$ 1.00$ amounts in subparagraph (C)
shall each be increased by an amount equal to-
"(I) such dollar amount, multiplied by
"(II) the cost-of-living adjustment determined under section 1(f)(3) for such calendar year by substituting 'calendar year 2016' for 'calendar year 1992' in subparagraph (B) thereof.
"(ii) Rounding.-
"(I) In the case of the $\$ 1,140,000$ amount, any increase under clause (i) which is not a multiple of $\$ 5,000$ shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of $\$ 5,000$.
"(II) In the case of the $\$ 1.00$ amount, any increase under clause (i) which is not a multiple of 5 cents shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of 5 cents.
"(4) Portion of state ceiling set-aside FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS INVOLVING QUALIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.-
"(A) In general.-Not more than 90 percent of the State housing credit ceiling for any State for any calendar year shall be allocated to projects other than qualified middle-income housing projects described in subparagraph (B).
"(B) Projects involving Qualified nonprofit organizations.-For purposes of subparagraph (A), a qualified middle-income housing project is described in this subparagraph if a qualified nonprofit organization is to own an interest in the project (directly or through a partnership) and materially participate (within the meaning of section 469(h)) in the development and operation of the project throughout the credit period.
"(C) Qualified nonprofit organiza-TION.-For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘qualified nonprofit organization’ means any organization if-
"(i) such organization is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 501(c) and is exempt from tax under section 501(a),
"(ii) such organization is determined by the State housing credit agency not to
be affiliated with or controlled by a forprofit organization; and
"(iii) one of the exempt purposes of such organization includes the fostering of middle-income housing.
"(D) Treatment of certain subsidi-ARIES.-
"(i) In general.-For purposes of this paragraph, a qualified nonprofit organization shall be treated as satisfying the ownership and material participation test of subparagraph (B) if any qualified corporation in which such organization holds stock satisfies such test.
"(ii) Qualified corporation.-For purposes of clause (i), the term 'qualified corporation' means any corporation if 100 percent of the stock of such corporation is held by 1 or more qualified nonprofit organizations at all times during the period such corporation is in existence.
"(E) State may not override set-AsIdE.-Nothing in subparagraph (E) of paragraph (3) shall be construed to permit a State
not to comply with subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
"(5) Buildings eligible for credit only
if minimum long-term commitment to middleincome housing.-
"(A) In general.-No credit shall be allowed by reason of this section with respect to any building for the taxable year unless an extended middle-income housing commitment is in effect as of the end of such taxable year.
"(B) Extended middle-income housing commitment.-For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'extended middle-income housing commitment' means any agreement between the taxpayer and the housing credit agency-
"(i) which requires that the applicable fraction (as defined in subsection (c)(1)) for the building for each taxable year in the extended use period will not be less than the applicable fraction specified in such agreement and which prohibits the actions described in subclauses (I) and (II) of subparagraph (E)(ii),
"(ii) which allows individuals who meet the income limitation applicable to
the building under subsection (g) (whether prospective, present, or former occupants of the building) the right to enforce in any State court the requirement and prohibitions of clause (i),
"(iii) which prohibits the disposition to any person of any portion of the building to which such agreement applies unless all of the building to which such agreement applies is disposed of to such person,
"(iv) which prohibits the refusal to lease to a holder of a voucher or certificate of eligibility under section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 because of the status of the prospective tenant as such a holder,
"(v) which is binding on all successors of the taxpayer, and
"(vi) which, with respect to the property, is recorded pursuant to State law as a restrictive covenant.
"(C) Allocation of credit may not
exceed amount necessary to support commitment.-The housing credit dollar amount allocated to any building may not ex-
ceed the amount necessary to support the applicable fraction specified in the extended middleincome housing commitment for such building, including any increase in such fraction pursuant to the application of subsection (f)(3) if such increase is reflected in an amended mid-dle-income housing commitment.
"(D) Extended use period.-For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'extended use period' means the period-
"(i) beginning on the 1st day in credit period on which such building is part of a qualified middle-income housing project, and
"(ii) ending on the later of-
"(I) the date specified by such agency in such agreement, or
"(II) the date which is 15 years after the close of the credit period.
"(E) Exceptions if foreclosure or if no buyer willing to maintain middle-income status.-
"(i) In general.-The extended use period for any building shall terminate-
"(I) on the date the building is acquired by foreclosure (or instrument in lieu of foreclosure) unless the Secretary determines that such acquisition is part of an arrangement with the taxpayer a purpose of which is to terminate such period, or
"(II) on the last day of the period specified in subparagraph (I) if the housing credit agency is unable to present during such period a qualified contract for the acquisition of the middle-income portion of the building by any person who will continue to operate such portion as a qualified mid-dle-income building.

Subclause (II) shall not apply to the extent more stringent requirements are provided in the agreement or in State law.
"(ii) Eviction, etc. of existing middle-income tenants not per-mitted.-The termination of an extended use period under clause (i) shall not be construed to permit before the close of the 3 -year period following such termination-
"(I) the eviction or the termination of tenancy (other than for good cause) of an existing tenant of any middle-income unit, or
"(II) any increase in the gross rent with respect to such unit not otherwise permitted under this section.
"(F) Qualified contract.-For purposes of subparagraph (E), the term 'qualified contract' means a bona fide contract to acquire (within a reasonable period after the contract is entered into) the nonmiddle-income portion of the building for fair market value and the mid-dle-income portion of the building for an amount not less than the applicable fraction (specified in the extended middle-income housing commitment) of-
"(i) the sum of-
"(I) the outstanding indebtedness secured by, or with respect to, the building,
"(II) the adjusted investor equity in the building, plus
"(III) other capital contributions not reflected in the amounts described in subclause (I) or (II), reduced by "(ii) cash distributions from (or available for distribution from) the project.
The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this paragraph, including regulations to prevent the manipulation of the amount determined under the preceding sentence.
"(G) Adjusted investor equity.-
"(i) In general.-For purposes of subparagraph ( F ), the term 'adjusted investor equity' means, with respect to any calendar year, the aggregate amount of cash taxpayers invested with respect to the project increased by the amount equal to-
"(I) such amount, multiplied by
"(II) the cost-of-living adjustment for such calendar year, determined under section $1(f)(3)$ by substituting the base calendar year for 'calendar year 1987'.
An amount shall be taken into account as an investment in the project only to the ex-
tent there was an obligation to invest such amount as of the beginning of the credit period and to the extent such amount is reflected in the adjusted basis of the project.
"(ii) Cost-of-LIVING Increases in Excess of 5 Percent not taken into account.-Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, if the CPI for any calendar year (as defined in section 1(f)(4)) exceeds the CPI for the preceding calendar year by more than 5 percent, the CPI for the base calendar year shall be increased such that such excess shall never be taken into account under clause (i).
"(iii) Base calendar year.-For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'base calendar year' means the calendar year with or within which the 1st taxable 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 speci-
fied 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 determination if the failure is corrected within 1 year from the date of the determination.
"(K) Projects which consist of more than 1 Building.-The application of this paragraph to projects which consist of more than 1 building shall be made under regulations prescribed by the Secretary.
"(6) Speclal RULES.-
"(A) Building must be located within 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 LIMITT.-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.
"(C) Credit reduced IF allocated Credit dollar amount is less than credit which would be allowable without regard to placed in service convention, ETC.-
"(i) In general.-The amount of the credit determined under this section with respect to any building shall not exceed the clause (ii) percentage of the
amount of the credit which would (but for this subparagraph) be determined under this section with respect to such building.
"(ii) Determination of percent-AGE.-For purposes of clause (i), the clause (ii) percentage with respect to any building is the percentage which-
"(I) the housing credit dollar amount allocated to such building. bears to
"(II) the credit amount determined in accordance with clause (iii). "(iii) Determination of Credit AMOUNT.-The credit amount determined in accordance with this clause is the amount of the credit which would (but for this subparagraph) be determined under this section with respect to the building if
"(I) this section were applied without regard to paragraphs (2)(A) and (3)(B) of subsection (f), and
"(II) subsection (f)(3)(A) were applied without regard to the percentage equal to $2 / 3$ of'.
"(D) Housing credit agency to specify applicable percentage and maximum Qualified basis.-In allocating a housing credit dollar amount to any building, the housing credit agency shall specify the applicable percentage and the maximum qualified basis which may be taken into account under this section with respect to such building. The applicable percentage and maximum qualified basis so specified shall not exceed the applicable percentage and qualified basis determined under this section without regard to this subsection.
"(7) Other definitions.-For purposes of this subsection-
"(A) Housing credit agency.-The term 'housing credit agency' means any agency authorized to carry out this subsection.
"(B) Possessions treated as states.The term 'State' includes a possession of the United States.
"(i) Definitions and Special Rules.-For purposes of this section-
"(1) Middle-income unit.-
"(A) In general.-The term 'middle-income unit' means any unit in a building if-
"(i) such unit is rent-restricted (as defined in subsection (g)(2)), and
"(ii) the individuals occupying such unit meet the income limitation applicable under subsection $(\mathrm{g})(1)$ to the project of which such building is a part.
"(B) Exceptions.-
"(i) In general.-A unit shall not be treated as a middle-income unit unless the unit is suitable for occupancy and used other than on a transient basis.
"(ii) Suitability for occupancy.For purposes of clause (i), the suitability of a unit for occupancy shall be determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary taking into account local health, safety, and building codes.
"(iii) Single-ROom occupancy units.-For purposes of clause (i), a sin-gle-room occupancy unit shall not be treated as used on a transient basis merely because it is rented on a month-by-month basis.
"(C) Speclal Rule for buildings havING 4 OR FEWER UNITS.-In the case of any
building which has 4 or fewer residential rental units, no unit in such building shall be treated as a middle-income unit if the units in such building are owned by-
"(i) any individual who occupies a residential unit in such building, or
"(ii) any person who is related (as defined in subsection (d)(2)(D)(ii)) to such individual.
"(D) Rules relating to students.-
"(i) In general.-A unit occupied solely by individuals who-
"(I) have not attained age 24, and
"(II) are enrolled in a full-time course of study at an institution of higher education (as defined in section 3304(f)), shall not be treated as a middle-income unit.
"(ii) Exceptions.-Clause (i) shall not apply to a unit occupied by an individual who-
"(I) is married,
"(II) is a person with disabilities (as defined in section $3(\mathrm{~b})(3)(\mathrm{E})$ of the United States Housing Act of 1937),
"(III) is a veteran (as defined in section 101(2) of title 38, United States Code),
"(IV) has one or more qualifying children (as defined in section 152(c)), or
"(V) meets the income limitation applicable under subsection (g)(1) to the project of which the building is a part and is, or was immediately prior to attaining the age of majority-
"(aa) an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in the individual's State of legal residence,
"(bb) under the care and placement responsibility of the State agency responsible for administering a plan under part B
or part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, or
"(cc) was an unaccompanied youth (within the meaning of section $725(6)$ of the McKinneyVento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(6))) or a homeless child or youth (within the meaning of section $725(2)$ of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2))).
"(E) Owner-occupied buildings havING 4 OR FEWER UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT WHERE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.-
"(i) In general.-Subparagraph (C) shall not apply to the acquisition or rehabilitation of a building pursuant to a development plan of action sponsored by a State or local government or a qualified nonprofit organization.
"(ii) Limitation on credit.-In the case of a building to which clause (i) applies, the applicable fraction shall not exceed 80 percent of the unit fraction.
"(iii) Certain unrented units treated as owner-occupied.-In the case of a building to which clause (i) applies, any unit which is not rented for 90 days or more shall be treated as occupied by the owner of the building as of the 1st day it is not rented.
"(2) New building.-The term 'new building' means a building the original use of which begins with the taxpayer.
"(3) Existing building.-The term 'existing building' means any building which is not a new building.
"(4) Application to estates and trusts.In the case of an estate or trust, the amount of the credit determined under subsection (a) shall be apportioned between the estate or trust and the beneficiaries on the basis of the income of the estate or trust allocable to each.
"(5) Impact of tenant's option to acquire PROPERTY.-
"(A) In general.-No Federal income tax benefit shall fail to be allowable to the taxpayer with respect to any qualified middle-income building merely by reason of an option
held by the tenants (in cooperative form or otherwise) or resident management corporation of such building or by a qualified nonprofit organization or government agency to purchase the property or a partnership interest relating to the property after the close of the credit period for a price which is not less than the minimum purchase price determined under subparagraph (B).
"(B) Minimum purchase price.-For purposes of subparagraph (A), the minimum purchase price under this subparagraph is an amount equal to the sum of-
"(i) the principal amount of outstanding indebtedness secured by the building (other than indebtedness incurred within the 5 -year period ending on the date of the sale to the tenants), and
"(ii) all Federal, State, and local taxes attributable to such sale.

Except in the case of Federal income taxes, there shall not be taken into account under clause (ii) any additional tax attributable to the application of clause (ii). In the case of a purchase of a partnership interest, the minimum
purchase price is an amount equal to such interest's ratable share of the amount determined under the first sentence of this subparagraph.
"(6) Treatment of rural projects.-For purposes of this section, in the case of any project for residential rental property located in a rural area (as defined in section 520 of the Housing Act of 1949), any income limitation measured by reference to area median gross income shall be measured by reference to the greater of area median gross income or national non-metropolitan median income.
"(7) Determination of whether building IS FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED.-
"(A) In general.-Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, for purposes of subsection $(\mathrm{g})(1)$, a project shall be treated as Federally subsidized for any taxable year if, at any time during such taxable year or any prior taxable year, there is or was outstanding any obligation the interest on which is exempt from tax under section 103 the proceeds of which are or were used (directly or indirectly) with respect to such project or the operation thereof.
"(B) Speclal rule for subsidized conStruction financing.-Subparagraph (A)
shall not apply to any tax-exempt obligation used to provide construction financing for any building if-
"(i) such obligation (when issued) identified the building for which the proceeds of such obligation would be used, and
"(ii) such obligation is redeemed before such building is placed in service.
"(8) Coordination with Low-income housing credit.-No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to any building for which a credit is allowable under section 42 unless the taxpayer makes an election under this paragraph. Such election shall designate the buildings to which this section applies and, once made, shall be irrevocable.
"(j) Application of At-Risk Rules.-For purposes of this section-
"(1) In general.-Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, rules similar to the rules of section 49(a)(1) (other than subparagraphs (D)(ii)(II) and (D)(iv)(I) thereof), section 49(a)(2), and section 49(b)(1) shall apply in determining the qualified basis of any building in the same manner
as such sections apply in determining the credit base of property.
"(2) Speclal rules for dettermining qualified person.-For purposes of paragraph (1)-
"(A) In general.-If the requirements of subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) are met with respect to any financing borrowed from a qualified nonprofit organization, the determination of whether such financing is qualified commercial financing with respect to any qualified mid-dle-income building shall be made without regard to whether such organization-
"(i) is actively and regularly engaged in the business of lending money, or
"(ii) is a person described in section 49(a)(1)(D)(iv)(II).
"(B) Financing secured by prop-ERTY.-The requirements of this subparagraph are met with respect to any financing if such financing is secured by the qualified middle-income building, except that this subparagraph shall not apply in the case of a federally assisted building described in subsection (d)(5)(B) if-
"(i) a security interest in such building is not permitted by a Federal agency holding or insuring the mortgage secured by such building, and
"(ii) the proceeds from the financing (if any) are applied to acquire or improve such building..
"(C) Portion of building attributable to financing.-The requirements of this subparagraph are met with respect to any financing for any taxable year in the credit period if, as of the close of such taxable year, not more than 60 percent of the eligible basis of the qualified middle-income building is attributable to such financing (reduced by the principal and interest of any governmental financing which is part of a wrap-around mortgage involving such financing).
"(D) Repayment of principal and in-TEREST.-The requirements of this subparagraph are met with respect to any financing if such financing is fully repaid on or before the earliest of-
"(i) the date on which such financing matures,
"(ii) the 90th day after the close of the credit period with respect to the qualified middle-income building, or
"(iii) the date of its refinancing or the sale of the building to which such financing relates.

In the case of a qualified nonprofit organization which is not described in section 49(a)(1)(D)(iv)(II) with respect to a building, clause (ii) of this subparagraph shall be applied as if the date described therein were the 90th day after the earlier of the date the building ceases to be a qualified middle-income building or the date which is 15 years after the close of a credit period with respect thereto.
"(3) Present value of financing.-If the rate of interest on any financing described in paragraph (2)(A) is less than the rate which is 1 percentage point below the applicable Federal rate as of the time such financing is incurred, then the qualified 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.
"(B) Applicable portion.-For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term 'applicable portion' means the aggregate decrease in the credits allowed to a taxpayer under section 38 for all prior taxable years which would have re-
sulted if the eligible basis of the building were reduced by the amount of financing which does not meet requirements of paragraph (2)(D).
"(C) Certain rules to apply.-Rules similar to the rules of subparagraphs (A) and (D) of section $42(\mathrm{j})(4)$ shall apply for purposes of this subsection.
"(k) Certifications and Other Reports to Sec-RETARY.-
"(1) Certification with respect to 1st year of credit period.-Following the close of the 1st taxable year in the credit period with respect to any qualified middle-income building, the taxpayer shall certify to the Secretary (at such time and in such form and in such manner as the Secretary prescribes)-
"(A) the taxable year, and calendar year, in which such building was placed in service,
"(B) the adjusted basis and eligible basis of such building as of the close of the 1st year of the credit period,
"(C) the maximum applicable percentage and qualified basis permitted to be taken into account by the appropriate housing credit agency under subsection (h), and
"(D) such other information as the Secretary may require.

In the case of a failure to make the certification required by the preceding sentence on the date prescribed therefor, unless it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect, no credit shall be allowable by reason of subsection (a) with respect to such building for any taxable year ending before such certification is made.
"(2) Annual reports to the secretary.The Secretary may require taxpayers to submit an information return (at such time and in such form and manner as the Secretary prescribes) for each taxable year setting forth-
"(A) the qualified basis for the taxable year of each qualified middle-income building of the taxpayer,
"(B) the information described in paragraph (1)(C) for the taxable year, and
"(C) such other information as the Secretary may require.

The penalty under section $6652(\mathrm{j})$ shall apply to any failure to submit the return required by the Secretary under the preceding sentence on the date prescribed therefor.
"(3) Annual reports from housing credit AgENCIES.-Each agency which allocates any housing credit amount to any building for any calendar year shall submit to the Secretary (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary shall prescribe) an annual report specifying-
"(A) the amount of housing credit amount allocated to each building for such year,
"(B) sufficient information to identify each such building and the taxpayer with respect thereto, and
"(C) such other information as the Secretary may require.

The penalty under section $6652(\mathrm{j})$ shall apply to any failure to submit the report required by the preceding sentence on the date prescribed therefor.
"(1) Responsibilities of Housing Credit Agen-CIES.-
"(1) Plans for allocation of credit AMONG PROJECTS.-
"(A) In general.-Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the housing credit dollar amount with respect to any building shall be zero unless-
"(i) such amount was allocated pursuant to a qualified allocation plan of the housing credit agency which is approved by the governmental unit (in accordance with rules similar to the rules of section $42(\mathrm{~m})(1))$ of which such agency is a part,
"(ii) such agency notifies the chief executive officer (or the equivalent) of the local jurisdiction within which the building is located of such project and provides such individual a reasonable opportunity to comment on the project,
"(iii) a comprehensive market study of the housing needs of middle-income individuals in the area to be served by the project is conducted before the credit allocation is made and at the developer's expense by a disinterested party who is approved by such agency, and
"(iv) a written explanation is available to the general public for any allocation of a housing credit dollar amount which is not made in accordance with established priorities and selection criteria of the housing credit agency.
"(B) Qualified allocation Plan.-For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'qualified allocation plan' means any plan-
"(i) which sets forth selection criteria to be used to determine housing priorities of the housing credit agency which are appropriate to local conditions,
"(ii) which also gives preference in allocating housing credit dollar amounts among selected projects to-
"(I) projects obligated to serve qualified tenants for the longest periods,
"(II) projects in areas where rents are unaffordable to median income households,
"(III) projects which target housing to tenants at a range of incomes between 60 and 100 percent of area median gross income, taking local income and market conditions into account, and
"(IV) projects located near transit hubs, and
"(iii) which provides a procedure that the agency (or an agent or other private contractor of such agency) will follow in monitoring for noncompliance with the provisions of this section and in notifying the Internal Revenue Service of such noncompliance which such agency becomes aware of and in monitoring for noncompliance with habitability standards through regular site visits.
"(C) Certain selection criteria must BE USED.-The selection criteria set forth in a qualified allocation plan must include-
"(i) project location,
"(ii) housing needs characteristics,
"(iii) project characteristics, including whether the project includes the use of existing housing as part of a community revitalization plan,
"(iv) sponsor characteristics,
"(v) tenant populations with special housing needs,
"(vi) tenant populations of individuals with children,
"(vii) projects intended for eventual tenant ownership,
"(viii) the energy efficiency of the project, and
"(ix) the historic nature of the project.
"(D) Certain selection criteria pro-hibited.-The selection criteria set forth in a qualified allocation plan shall not include a requirement of local approval or local contributions, either as a threshold qualification requirement or as part of a point system to be considered for allocations of housing credit dollar amount. This subparagraph shall not apply to the notice and opportunity to comment requirement for chief executive officers (or the equivalent) of local jurisdictions under subparagraph (A)(ii).
"(2) Credit allocated to building not to
exceed amount necessary to assure project FEASIBILITY.-
"(A) In general.-The housing credit dollar amount allocated to a project shall not exceed the amount the housing credit agency determines is necessary for the financial feasi-
bility of the project and its viability as a qualified middle-income housing project throughout the credit period.
"(B) Agency evaluation.-In making the determination under subparagraph (A), the housing credit agency shall consider-
"(i) the sources and uses of funds and the total financing planned for the project,
"(ii) any proceeds or receipts expected to be generated by reason of tax benefits,
"(iii) the percentage of the housing credit dollar amount used for project costs other than the cost of intermediaries, and
"(iv) the reasonableness of the developmental and operational costs of the project.

Clause (iii) shall not be applied so as to impede the development of projects in hard-to-develop areas. Such a determination shall not be construed to be a representation or warranty as to the feasibility or viability of the project.
"(C) Determination made when credIT AMOUNT APPLIED FOR AND WHEN BUILDING PLACED IN SERVICE.-
"(i) In general.-A determination under subparagraph (A) shall be made as of each of the following times:
"(I) The application for the housing credit dollar amount.
"(II) The allocation of the housing credit dollar amount.
"(III) The date the building is placed in service.
"(ii) Certification as to amount of other subsidies.-Prior to each determination under clause (i), the taxpayer shall certify to the housing credit agency the full extent of all Federal, State, and local subsidies which apply (or which the taxpayer expects to apply) with respect to the building.
"(m) Regulations.-The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including regula-tions-
"(1) dealing with—
"(A) projects which include more than 1 building or only a portion of a building,
"(B) buildings which are placed in service in portions,
"(2) providing for the application of this section to short taxable years,
"(3) preventing the avoidance of the rules of this section, and
"(4) providing the opportunity for housing credit agencies to correct administrative errors and omissions with respect to allocations and record keeping within a reasonable period after their discovery, taking into account the availability of regulations and other administrative guidance from the Secretary.".
(b) Treatment as Part of General Business Credit.-Section 38(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "plus" at the end of paragraph (35), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (36) and inserting ", plus", and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
"(37) the middle-income housing credit determined under section 42A(a).".
(c) Unused Allocations Carried Over to LowIncome Housing Credit.-
(1) In general.-Clause (i) of section 42(h)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended-
(A) by striking "the unused" and inserting "the sum of-
"(I) the unused",
(B) by inserting "plus" after "calendar year,", and
(C) by adding at the end the following new subclause:
"(II) the unused middle-income State housing credit (if any) of such State for the preceding calendar year,".
(2) Unused middle-income state housing Credit.-Section $42(\mathrm{~h})(3)(\mathrm{C})$ of such Code is amended by inserting ", and the unused middle-income State housing credit for any calendar year is the excess (if any) of the amount described in section 42A(h)(3)(C) for such State over the aggregate amount of middle-income housing credit dollar amount allocated by such State under section 42A fo such year" after "for such year".
(3) Unused middle income state housing CREDIT INCLUDED IN CARRYOVER ALLOCATION.Section 42(h)(3)(D)(ii) of such Code is amended-
(A) by inserting "the sum of" after "the excess (if any) of", and
(B) by inserting "plus the unused middleincome State housing credit (as so defined)" after "as defined in subparagraph (C)(i))".
(d) Coordination With Low-Income Housing Credit.-
(1) In general.-Section 42(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
"(10) Coordination with middle-income housing credit.-No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to any building for which a credit is allowable under section 42 A unless the taxpayer makes an election under this paragraph. Such election shall designate the buildings to which this section applies and, once made, shall be irrevocable.".
(2) Conforming amendments.-
(A) Section $42(\mathrm{c})(2)$ of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following flush sentence:
"Such term does not include any building if such building is designated as a building to which the middle-income housing tax credit applies in an election under section 42A(i)(8).".
(B) Section $42(\mathrm{~g})(1)$ of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "For purposes of the first sentence of this paragraph, residential units in a building which is not a qualified middle-income building by reason of the second sentence of subsection (c)(2) shall not be taken into account.".
(e) Conforming Amendments.-
(1) Section $55(\mathrm{c})(1)$ of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting " $42 \mathrm{~A}(\mathrm{j})$," before " $45(\mathrm{e})(11)$ ".
(2) Subsections (i)(3)(D), (i)(6)(B)(i), and $(\mathrm{k})(1)$ of section 469 of such Code are each amended by inserting "or 42 A " after " 42 ".
(3) Section 772(a) of such Code is amended by redesignating paragraphs (8), (9), and (10) as paragraphs (9), (10), and (11), respectively, and by inserting after paragraph (7) the following new paragraph:
"(8) the middle-income housing credit determined under section $42 \mathrm{~A}, "$.
(4) The table of sections for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is
"Sec. 42A. Middle-income housing credit.".
(f) Effective Date.-The amendments made by

4 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the
5 amended by inserting after the item relating to section 42 the following new item: date of the enactment of this Act.

