

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The inspector general may decide not to conduct or continue an investigation under this section upon providing to the person submitting the complaint and the non-Federal employer a written explanation (subject to the authority to exclude information under paragraph (4)(C)) for such decision.

(B) *ASSUMPTION OF RIGHTS TO CIVIL REMEDY.*—Upon receipt of an explanation of a decision not to conduct or continue an investigation under subparagraph (A), the person submitting a complaint shall immediately assume the right to a civil remedy under subsection (c)(3) as if the 210-day period specified under such subsection has already passed.

(C) *SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.*—The inspector general shall include in semi-annual reports to Congress a list of those investigations the inspector general decided not to conduct or continue under this paragraph.

(4) *ACCESS TO INVESTIGATIVE FILE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.*—

(A) *IN GENERAL.*—The person alleging a reprisal under this section shall have access to the investigation file of the appropriate inspector general in accordance with section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Privacy Act”). The investigation of the inspector general shall be deemed closed for purposes of disclosure under such section when an employee files an appeal to an agency head or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(B) *CIVIL ACTION.*—In the event the person alleging the reprisal brings suit under subsection (c)(3), the person alleging the reprisal and the non-Federal employer shall have access to the investigative file of the inspector general in accordance with the Privacy Act.

(C) *EXCEPTION.*—The inspector general may exclude from disclosure—

(i) information protected from disclosure by a provision of law; and

(ii) any additional information the inspector general determines disclosure of which would impede a continuing investigation, provided that such information is disclosed once such disclosure would no longer impede such investigation, unless the inspector general determines that disclosure of law enforcement techniques, procedures, or information could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law or disclose the identity of a confidential source.

(5) *PRIVACY OF INFORMATION.*—An inspector general investigating an alleged reprisal under this section may not respond to any inquiry or disclose any information from or about any person alleging such reprisal, except in accordance with the provisions of section 552a of title 5, United States Code, or as required by any other applicable Federal law.

(c) *REMEDY AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.*—

(1) *BURDEN OF PROOF.*—

(A) *DISCLOSURE AS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN REPRISAL.*—

(i) *IN GENERAL.*—A person alleging a reprisal under this section shall be deemed to have affirmatively established the occurrence of the reprisal if the person demonstrates that a disclosure described in subsection (a) was a contributing factor in the reprisal.

(ii) *USE OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.*—A disclosure may be demonstrated as a contributing factor in a reprisal for purposes of this paragraph by circumstantial evidence, including—

(I) evidence that the official undertaking the reprisal knew of the disclosure; or

(II) evidence that the reprisal occurred within a period of time after the disclosure such that a reasonable person could conclude that the disclosure was a contributing factor in the reprisal.

(B) *OPPORTUNITY FOR REBUTTAL.*—The head of an agency may not find the occurrence of a reprisal with respect to a reprisal that is affirmatively established under subparagraph (A) if the non-Federal employer demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the non-Federal employer would have taken the action constituting the reprisal in the absence of the disclosure.

(2) *AGENCY ACTION.*—Not later than 30 days after receiving an inspector general report under subsection (b), the head of the agency concerned shall determine whether there is sufficient basis to conclude that the non-Federal employer has subjected the complainant to a reprisal prohibited by subsection (a) and shall either issue an order denying relief in whole or in part or shall take 1 or more of the following actions:

(A) Order the employer to take affirmative action to abate the reprisal.

(B) Order the employer to reinstate the person to the position that the person held before the reprisal, together with the compensation (including back pay), compensatory damages, employment benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment that would apply to the person in that position if the reprisal had not been taken.

(C) Order the employer to pay the complainant an amount equal to the aggregate amount of all costs and expenses (including attorneys’ fees and expert witnesses’ fees) that were reasonably incurred by the complainant for, or in connection with, bringing the complaint regarding the reprisal, as determined by the head of the agency or a court of competent jurisdiction.

(3) *CIVIL ACTION.*—If the head of an agency issues an order denying relief in whole or in part under paragraph (1), has not issued an order within 210 days after the submission of a complaint under subsection (b), or in the case of an extension of time under subsection (b)(2)(B)(i), within 30 days after the expiration of the extension of time, or decides under subsection (b)(3) not to investigate or to discontinue an investigation, and there is no showing that such delay or decision is due to the bad faith of the complainant, the complainant shall be deemed to have exhausted all administrative remedies with respect to the complaint, and the complainant may bring a de novo action at law or equity against the employer to seek compensatory damages and other relief available under this section in the appropriate district court of the United States, which shall have jurisdiction over such an action without regard to the amount in controversy. Such an action shall, at the request of either party to the action, be tried by the court with a jury.

(4) *JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT OF ORDER.*—Whenever a person fails to comply with an order issued under paragraph (2), the head of the agency shall file an action for enforcement of such order in the United States district court for a district in which the reprisal was found to have occurred. In any action brought under this paragraph, the court may grant appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, compensatory and exemplary damages, and attorneys fees and costs.

(5) *JUDICIAL REVIEW.*—Any person adversely affected or aggrieved by an order issued under paragraph (2) may obtain review of the order’s conformance with this subsection, and any regulations issued to carry out this section, in the United States court of appeals for a circuit in which the reprisal is alleged in the order to have occurred. No petition seeking such review may be filed more than 60 days after issuance of the order by the head of the agency. Review shall conform to chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code.

(d) *NONENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS WAIVING RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OR REQUIRING ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.*—

(1) *WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.*—Except as provided under paragraph (3), the rights and remedies provided for in this section may not be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment, including by any predispute arbitration agreement.

(2) *PREDISPUTE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS.*—Except as provided under paragraph (3), no predispute arbitration agreement shall be valid or enforceable if it requires arbitration of a dispute arising under this section.

(3) *EXCEPTION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.*—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1)

and (2), an arbitration provision in a collective bargaining agreement shall be enforceable as to disputes arising under the collective bargaining agreement.

(e) *REQUIREMENT TO POST NOTICE OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.*—Any employer receiving covered funds shall post notice of the rights and remedies provided under this section.

(f) *RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.*—

(1) *NO IMPLIED AUTHORITY TO RETALIATE FOR NON-PROTECTED DISCLOSURES.*—Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize the discharge of, demotion of, or discrimination against an employee for a disclosure other than a disclosure protected by subsection (a) or to modify or derogate from a right or remedy otherwise available to the employee.

(2) *RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAWS.*—Nothing may be construed to preempt, preclude, or limit the protections provided for public or private employees under State whistleblower laws.

(g) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

(1) *ABUSE OF AUTHORITY.*—The term “abuse of authority” means an arbitrary and capricious exercise of authority by a contracting official or employee that adversely affects the rights of any person, or that results in personal gain or advantage to the official or employee or to preferred other persons.

(2) *COVERED FUNDS.*—The term “covered funds” means any contract, grant, or other payment received by any non-Federal employer if—

(A) the Federal Government provides any portion of the money or property that is provided, requested, or demanded; and

(B) at least some of the funds are appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act.

(3) *EMPLOYEE.*—The term “employee”—

(A) except as provided under subparagraph (B), means an individual performing services on behalf of an employer; and

(B) does not include any Federal employee or member of the uniformed services (as that term is defined in section 101(a)(5) of title 10, United States Code).

(4) *NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYER.*—The term “non-Federal employer”—

(A) means any employer—

(i) with respect to covered funds—

(I) the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or recipient, as the case may be, if the contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or recipient is an employer; and

(II) any professional membership organization, certification or other professional body, any agent or licensee of the Federal government, or any person acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer receiving covered funds; or

(ii) with respect to covered funds received by a State or local government, the State or local government receiving the funds and any contractor or subcontractor of the State or local government; and

(B) does not mean any department, agency, or other entity of the Federal Government.

(5) *STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.*—The term “State or local government” means—

(A) the government of each of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or any other territory or possession of the United States; or

(B) the government of any political subdivision of a government listed in subparagraph (A).

SEC. 1554. SPECIAL CONTRACTING PROVISIONS.

To the maximum extent possible, contracts funded under this Act shall be awarded as fixed-price contracts through the use of competitive procedures. A summary of any contract awarded with such funds that is not fixed-price and not awarded using competitive procedures shall be posted in a special section of the website established in section 1526.

TITLE XVI—GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

SEC. 1601. Each amount appropriated or made available in this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved. Enactment of this Act shall have no effect on the availability of amounts under the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2009 (division A of Public Law 110-329).

PREFERENCE FOR QUICK-START ACTIVITIES

SEC. 1602. In using funds made available in this Act for infrastructure investment, recipients shall give preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit.

PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY

SEC. 1603. All funds appropriated in this Act shall remain available for obligation until September 30, 2010, unless expressly provided otherwise in this Act.

LIMIT ON FUNDS

SEC. 1604. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available in this Act may be used by any State or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.

BUY AMERICAN

SEC. 1605. USE OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, AND MANUFACTURED GOODS. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.

(b) Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the head of the Federal department or agency involved finds that—

(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;

(2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

(3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

(c) If the head of a Federal department or agency determines that it is necessary to waive the application of subsection (a) based on a finding under subsection (b), the head of the department or agency shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed written justification as to why the provision is being waived.

(d) This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 1606. Notwithstanding any other provision of law and in a manner consistent with other provisions in this Act, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and subcontractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to this Act shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C. App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING DISTRIBUTION AND ASSURANCE OF APPROPRIATE USE OF FUNDS

SEC. 1607. (a) CERTIFICATION BY GOVERNOR.—Not later than 45 days after the date of enact-

ment of this Act, for funds provided to any State or agency thereof, the Governor of the State shall certify that: (1) the State will request and use funds provided by this Act; and (2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

(b) ACCEPTANCE BY STATE LEGISLATURE.—If funds provided to any State in any division of this Act are not accepted for use by the Governor, then acceptance by the State legislature, by means of the adoption of a concurrent resolution, shall be sufficient to provide funding to such State.

(c) DISTRIBUTION.—After the adoption of a State legislature's concurrent resolution, funding to the State will be for distribution to local governments, councils of government, public entities, and public-private entities within the State either by formula or at the State's discretion.

ECONOMIC STABILIZATION CONTRACTING

SEC. 1608. REFORM OF CONTRACTING PROCEDURES UNDER EESA. Section 107(b) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5217(b)) is amended by inserting "and individuals with disabilities and businesses owned by individuals with disabilities (for purposes of this subsection the term 'individual with disability' has the same meaning as the term 'handicapped individual' as that term is defined in section 3(f) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(f)), after "(12 U.S.C. 1441a(r)(4))."

SEC. 1609. (a) FINDINGS.—

(1) The National Environmental Policy Act protects public health, safety and environmental quality: by ensuring transparency, accountability and public involvement in federal actions and in the use of public funds;

(2) When President Nixon signed the National Environmental Policy Act into law on January 1, 1970, he said that the Act provided the "direction" for the country to "regain a productive harmony between man and nature";

(3) The National Environmental Policy Act helps to provide an orderly process for considering federal actions and funding decisions and prevents litigation and delay that would otherwise be inevitable and existed prior to the establishment of the National Environmental Policy Act.

(b) Adequate resources within this bill must be devoted to ensuring that applicable environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act are completed on an expeditious basis and that the shortest existing applicable process under the National Environmental Policy Act shall be utilized.

(c) The President shall report to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee every 90 days following the date of enactment until September 30, 2011 on the status and progress of projects and activities funded by this Act with respect to compliance with National Environmental Policy Act requirements and documentation.

SEC. 1610. (a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act, for projects initiated after the effective date of this Act, may be used by an executive agency to enter into any Federal contract unless such contract is entered into in accordance with the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act (41 U.S.C. 253) or chapter 137 of title 10, United States Code, and the Federal Acquisition Regulation, unless such contract is otherwise authorized by statute to be entered into without regard to the above referenced statutes.

(b) All projects to be conducted under the authority of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, the Tribally-Controlled Schools Act, the Sanitation and Facilities Act, the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Assistance Act and the Buy-Indian Act shall be identified by the appropriate Secretary and the appropriate Secretary shall incorporate provisions to ensure that the agree-

ment conforms with the provisions of this Act regarding the timing for use of funds and transparency, oversight, reporting, and accountability, including review by the Inspectors General, the Accountability and Transparency Board, and Government Accountability Office, consistent with the objectives of this Act.

SEC. 1611. HIRING AMERICAN WORKERS IN COMPANIES RECEIVING TARP FUNDING. (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Employ American Workers Act".

(b) PROHIBITION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any recipient of funding under title I of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-343) or section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 342 et seq.) to hire any non-immigrant described in section 101(a)(15)(h)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(h)(i)(b)) unless the recipient is in compliance with the requirements for an H-1B dependent employer (as defined in section 212(n)(3) of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(n)(3))), except that the second sentence of section 212(n)(1)(E)(ii) of such Act shall not apply.

(2) DEFINED TERM.—In this subsection, the term "hire" means to permit a new employee to commence a period of employment.

(c) SUNSET PROVISION.—This section shall be effective during the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1612. During the current fiscal year not to exceed 1 percent of any appropriation made available by this Act may be transferred by an agency head between such appropriations funded in this Act of that department or agency: Provided, That such appropriations shall be merged with and available for the same purposes, and for the same time period, as the appropriation to which transferred: Provided further, That the agency head shall notify the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives of the transfer 15 days in advance: Provided further, That notice of any transfer made pursuant to this authority be posted on the website established by the Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board 15 days following such transfer: Provided further, That the authority contained in this section is in addition to transfer authorities otherwise available under current law: Provided further, That the authority provided in this section shall not apply to any appropriation that is subject to transfer provisions included elsewhere in this Act.

DIVISION B—TAX, UNEMPLOYMENT, HEALTH, STATE FISCAL RELIEF, AND OTHER PROVISIONS

TITLE I—TAX PROVISIONS

SEC. 1000. SHORT TITLE, ETC.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009".

(b) REFERENCE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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PART I—GENERAL TAX RELIEF

SEC. 1001. MAKING WORK PAY CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after section 36 the following new section:

“SEC. 36A. MAKING WORK PAY CREDIT.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an eligible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle for the taxable year an amount equal to the lesser of—

“(1) 6.2 percent of earned income of the taxpayer, or

“(2) \$400 (\$800 in the case of a joint return).

“(b) LIMITATION BASED ON MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount allowable as a credit under subsection (a) (determined without regard to this paragraph and subsection (c)) for the taxable year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by 2 percent of so much of the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income as exceeds \$75,000 (\$150,000 in the case of a joint return).

“(2) MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘modified adjusted gross income’ means the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the taxable year increased by any amount excluded from gross income under section 911, 931, or 933.

“(c) REDUCTION FOR CERTAIN OTHER PAYMENTS.—The credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall be reduced by the amount of any payments received by the taxpayer during such taxable year under section 2201, and any credit allowed to the taxpayer under section 2202, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009.

“(d) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible individual’ means any individual other than—

“(i) any nonresident alien individual,

“(ii) any individual with respect to whom a deduction under section 151 is allowable to another taxpayer for a taxable year beginning in the calendar year in which the individual's taxable year begins, and

“(iii) an estate or trust.

“(B) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENT.—Such term shall not include any individual who does not include on the return of tax for the taxable year—

“(i) such individual's social security account number, and

“(ii) in the case of a joint return, the social security account number of one of the taxpayers on such return.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, the social security account number shall not include a TIN issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

“(2) EARNED INCOME.—The term ‘earned income’ has the meaning given such term by section 32(c)(2), except that such term shall not include net earnings from self-employment which are not taken into account in computing taxable income. For purposes of the preceding sentence, any amount excluded from gross income by reason of section 112 shall be treated as earned income which is taken into account in computing taxable income for the taxable year.

“(e) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2010.”

(b) TREATMENT OF POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS.—

(A) MIRROR CODE POSSESSION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States with a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss to that possession by reason of the amendments made by this section with respect to taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(B) OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the amendments made by this section for taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010 if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to any possession of the United States unless such possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to the residents of such possession.

(2) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—No credit shall be allowed against United States income taxes for any taxable year under section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section) to any person—

(A) to whom a credit is allowed against taxes imposed by the possession by reason of the

amendments made by this section for such taxable year, or

(B) who is eligible for a payment under a plan described in paragraph (1)(B) with respect to such taxable year.

(3) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

(A) POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “possession of the United States” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(B) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “mirror code tax system” means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(C) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from the credit allowed under section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section).

(c) REFUNDS DISREGARDED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS.—Any credit or refund allowed or made to any individual by reason of section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section) or by reason of subsection (b) of this section shall not be taken into account as income and shall not be taken into account as resources for the month of receipt and the following 2 months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(d) AUTHORITY RELATING TO CLERICAL ERRORS.—Section 6213(g)(2) is amended by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (L)(ii), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (M) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(N) an omission of the reduction required under section 36A(c) with respect to the credit allowed under section 36A or an omission of the correct social security account number required under section 36A(d)(1)(B).”

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) is amended by inserting “36A,” after “36,”.

(2) Section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “36A,” after “36,”.

(3) The table of sections for subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 36 the following new item:

“Sec. 36A. Making work pay credit.”

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amendments made by this section, shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1002. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 32 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2009 AND 2010.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2009 or 2010—

“(A) INCREASED CREDIT PERCENTAGE FOR 3 OR MORE QUALIFYING CHILDREN.—In the case of a taxpayer with 3 or more qualifying children, the credit percentage is 45 percent.

“(B) REDUCTION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The dollar amount in effect under paragraph (2)(B) shall be \$5,000.

“(ii) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2010, the \$5,000 amount in clause (i) shall 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 the calendar year in which the taxable year begins determined by substituting ‘calendar year 2008’ for ‘calendar year 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.”

“(iii) ROUNDING.—Subparagraph (A) of subsection (j)(2) shall apply after taking into account any increase under clause (ii).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1003. TEMPORARY INCREASE OF REFUNDABLE PORTION OF CHILD CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 24(d) is amended to read as follows:

“(4) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2009 AND 2010.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), in the case of any taxable year beginning in 2009 or 2010, the dollar amount in effect for such taxable year under paragraph (1)(B)(i) shall be \$3,000.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1004. AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 25A (relating to Hope scholarship credit) is amended by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j) and by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection:

“(i) AMERICAN OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2009 or 2010—

“(1) INCREASE IN CREDIT.—The Hope Scholarship Credit shall be an amount equal to the sum of—

“(A) 100 percent of so much of the qualified tuition and related expenses paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year (for education furnished to the eligible student during any academic period beginning in such taxable year) as does not exceed \$2,000, plus

“(B) 25 percent of such expenses so paid as exceeds \$2,000 but does not exceed \$4,000.

“(2) CREDIT ALLOWED FOR FIRST 4 YEARS OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.—Subparagraphs (A) and (C) of subsection (b)(2) shall be applied by substituting ‘4’ for ‘2’.

“(3) QUALIFIED TUITION AND RELATED EXPENSES TO INCLUDE REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS.—Subsection (f)(1)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘tuition, fees, and course materials’ for ‘tuition and fees’.

“(4) INCREASE IN AGI LIMITS FOR HOPE SCHOLARSHIP CREDIT.—In lieu of applying subsection (d) with respect to the Hope Scholarship Credit, such credit (determined without regard to this paragraph) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount which bears the same ratio to such credit (as so determined) as—

“(A) the excess of—

“(i) the taxpayer’s modified adjusted gross income (as defined in subsection (d)(3)) for such taxable year, over

“(ii) \$80,000 (\$160,000 in the case of a joint return), bears to

“(B) \$10,000 (\$20,000 in the case of a joint return).

“(5) CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.—In the case of a taxable year to which section 26(a)(2) does not apply, so much of the credit allowed under subsection (a) as is attributable to the Hope Scholarship Credit shall not exceed the excess of—

“(A) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over

“(B) the sum of the credits allowable under this subpart (other than this subsection and sections 23, 25D, and 30D) and section 27 for the taxable year.

Any reference in this section or section 24, 25, 26, 25B, 904, or 1400C to a credit allowable under this subsection shall be treated as a reference to so much of the credit allowable under subsection (a) as is attributable to the Hope Scholarship Credit.

“(6) PORTION OF CREDIT MADE REFUNDABLE.—40 percent of so much of the credit allowed under subsection (a) as is attributable to the Hope Scholarship Credit (determined after application of paragraph (4) and without regard to this paragraph and section 26(a)(2) or paragraph (5), as the case may be) shall be treated as a credit allowable under subpart C (and not allowed under subsection (a)). The preceding sentence shall not apply to any taxpayer for any taxable year if such taxpayer is a child to whom subsection (g) of section 1 applies for such taxable year.

“(7) COORDINATION WITH MIDWESTERN DISASTER AREA BENEFITS.—In the case of a taxpayer with respect to whom section 702(a)(1)(B) of the Heartland Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2008 applies for any taxable year, such taxpayer may elect to waive the application of this subsection to such taxpayer for such taxable year.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 24(b)(3)(B) is amended by inserting “25A(i),” after “23.”

(2) Section 25(e)(1)(C)(ii) is amended by inserting “25A(i),” after “24.”

(3) Section 26(a)(1) is amended by inserting “25A(i),” after “24.”

(4) Section 25B(g)(2) is amended by inserting “25A(i),” after “23.”

(5) Section 904(i) is amended by inserting “25A(i),” after “24.”

(6) Section 1400C(d)(2) is amended by inserting “25A(i),” after “24.”

(7) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) is amended by inserting “25A by reason of subsection (i)(6) thereof,” after “24(d).”

(8) Section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “25A,” before “35.”

(c) TREATMENT OF POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS.—

(A) MIRROR CODE POSSESSION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States with a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss to that possession by reason of the application of section 25A(i)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this section) with respect to taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(B) OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the application of section 25A(i)(6) of such Code (as so added) for taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010 if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply with respect to any possession of the United States unless such possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to the residents of such possession.

(2) COORDINATION WITH CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST UNITED STATES INCOME TAXES.—Section 25A(i)(6) of such Code (as added by this section) shall not apply to a bona fide resident of any possession of the United States.

(3) DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

(A) POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “possession of the United States” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(B) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “mirror code tax system” means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(C) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this subsection shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from the credit allowed under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 by reason of subsection (i)(6) of such section (as added by this section).

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

(e) APPLICATION OF EGTRRA SUNSET.—The amendment made by subsection (b)(1) shall be subject to title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 in the same manner as the provision of such Act to which such amendment relates.

(f) TREASURY STUDIES REGARDING EDUCATION INCENTIVES.—

(1) STUDY REGARDING COORDINATION WITH NON-TAX STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Education, or their delegates, shall—

(A) study how to coordinate the credit allowed under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with the Federal Pell Grant program under section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to maximize their effectiveness at promoting college affordability, and

(B) examine ways to expedite the delivery of the tax credit.

(2) STUDY REGARDING INCLUSION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Education, or their delegates, shall study the feasibility of requiring including community service as a condition of taking their tuition and related expenses into account under section 25A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary’s delegate, shall report to Congress on the results of the studies conducted under this paragraph.

SEC. 1005. COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWED AS A QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSE FOR SECTION 529 ACCOUNTS IN 2009 AND 2010.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 529(e)(3)(A) is amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (i), by striking the period at the end of clause (ii), and by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) expenses paid or incurred in 2009 or 2010 for the purchase of any computer technology or equipment (as defined in section 170(e)(6)(F)(i)) or Internet access and related services, if such technology, equipment, or services are to be used by the beneficiary and the beneficiary’s family during any of the years the beneficiary is enrolled at an eligible educational institution. Clause (iii) shall not include expenses for computer software designed for sports, games, or hobbies unless the software is predominantly educational in nature.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to expenses paid or incurred after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1006. EXTENSION OF AND INCREASE IN FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER CREDIT; WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO REPAY.

(a) EXTENSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 36(h) is amended by striking “July 1, 2009” and inserting “December 1, 2009”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 36(g) is amended by striking “July 1, 2009” and inserting “December 1, 2009”.

(b) INCREASE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 36(b) is amended by striking “\$7,500” each place it appears and inserting “\$8,000”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 36(b)(1)(B) is amended by striking “\$3,750” and inserting “\$4,000”.

(c) WAIVER OF RECAPTURE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (4) of section 36(f) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) WAIVER OF RECAPTURE FOR PURCHASES IN 2009.—In the case of any credit allowed with respect to the purchase of a principal residence after December 31, 2008, and before December 1, 2009—

“(i) paragraph (1) shall not apply, and
“(ii) paragraph (2) shall apply only if the disposition or cessation described in paragraph (2) with respect to such residence occurs during the 36-month period beginning on the date of the purchase of such residence by the taxpayer.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (g) of section 36 is amended by striking “subsection (c)” and inserting “subsections (c) and (f)(4)(D)”.

(d) COORDINATION WITH FIRST-TIME HOME-BUYER CREDIT FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 1400C is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) COORDINATION WITH NATIONAL FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS CREDIT.—No credit shall be allowed under this section to any taxpayer with respect to the purchase of a residence after December 31, 2008, and before December 1, 2009, if a credit under section 36 is allowable to such taxpayer (or the taxpayer’s spouse) with respect to such purchase.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 36(d) is amended by striking paragraph (1).

(e) REMOVAL OF PROHIBITION ON FINANCING BY MORTGAGE REVENUE BONDS.—Section 36(d), as amended by subsection (c)(2), is amended by striking paragraph (2) and by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to residences purchased after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1007. SUSPENSION OF TAX ON PORTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 85 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to unemployment compensation) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2009.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2009, gross income shall not include so much of the unemployment compensation received by an individual as does not exceed \$2,400.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1008. ADDITIONAL DEDUCTION FOR STATE SALES TAX AND EXCISE TAX ON THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 164 is amended by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

“(6) Qualified motor vehicle taxes.”.

(b) QUALIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES.—Subsection (b) of section 164 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) QUALIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified motor vehicle taxes’ means any State or local sales or excise tax imposed on the purchase of a qualified motor vehicle.

“(B) LIMITATION BASED ON VEHICLE PRICE.—The amount of any State or local sales or excise tax imposed on the purchase of a qualified motor vehicle taken into account under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed the portion of such tax attributable to so much of the purchase price as does not exceed \$49,500.

“(C) INCOME LIMITATION.—The amount otherwise taken into account under subparagraph (A) (after the application of subparagraph (B)) for any taxable year shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount which bears the same ratio to the amount which is so treated as—

“(i) the excess (if any) of—

“(I) the taxpayer’s modified adjusted gross income for such taxable year, over

“(II) \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return), bears to

“(ii) \$10,000.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term ‘modified adjusted gross income’ means the adjusted gross income of the taxpayer for the taxable year (determined without regard to sections 911, 931, and 933).

“(D) QUALIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE.—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified motor vehicle’ means—

“(I) a passenger automobile or light truck which is treated as a motor vehicle for purposes of title II of the Clean Air Act, the gross vehicle weight rating of which is not more than 8,500 pounds, and the original use of which commences with the taxpayer,

“(II) a motorcycle the gross vehicle weight rating of which is not more than 8,500 pounds and the original use of which commences with the taxpayer, and

“(III) a motor home the original use of which commences with the taxpayer.

“(ii) OTHER TERMS.—The terms ‘motorcycle’ and ‘motor home’ have the meanings given such terms under section 571.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enactment of this paragraph).

“(E) QUALIFIED MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES NOT INCLUDED IN COST OF ACQUIRED PROPERTY.—The last sentence of subsection (a) shall not apply to any qualified motor vehicle taxes.

“(F) COORDINATION WITH GENERAL SALES TAX.—This paragraph shall not apply in the case of a taxpayer who makes an election under paragraph (5) for the taxable year.

“(G) TERMINATION.—This paragraph shall not apply to purchases after December 31, 2009.”.

(c) DEDUCTION ALLOWED TO NONITEMIZERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 63(c) is amended by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) the motor vehicle sales tax deduction.”.

(2) DEFINITION.—Section 63(c) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) MOTOR VEHICLE SALES TAX DEDUCTION.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘motor vehicle sales tax deduction’ means the amount allowable as a deduction under section 164(a)(6). Such term shall not include any amount taken into account under section 62(a).”.

(d) TREATMENT OF DEDUCTION UNDER ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX.—The last sentence of section 56(b)(1)(E) is amended by striking “section 63(c)(1)(D)” and inserting “subparagraphs (D) and (E) of section 63(c)(1)”.

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to purchases on or after the date of the enactment of this Act in taxable years ending after such date.

PART II—ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF

SEC. 1011. EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX RELIEF FOR NONREFUNDABLE PERSONAL CREDITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 26(a) (relating to special rule for taxable years 2000 through 2008) is amended—

(1) by striking “or 2008” and inserting “2008, or 2009”, and

(2) by striking “2008” in the heading thereof and inserting “2009”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1012. EXTENSION OF INCREASED ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 55(d) (relating to exemption amount) is amended—

(1) by striking “(\$69,950 in the case of taxable years beginning in 2008)” in subparagraph (A) and inserting “(\$70,950 in the case of taxable years beginning in 2009)”, and

(2) by striking “(\$46,200 in the case of taxable years beginning in 2008)” in subparagraph (B) and inserting “(\$46,700 in the case of taxable years beginning in 2009)”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

Subtitle B—Energy Incentives

PART I—RENEWABLE ENERGY INCENTIVES

SEC. 1101. EXTENSION OF CREDIT FOR ELECTRICITY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN RENEWABLE RESOURCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 45 is amended—

(1) by striking “2010” in paragraph (1) and inserting “2013”,

(2) by striking “2011” each place it appears in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7) and (9) and inserting “2014”, and

(3) by striking “2012” in paragraph (11)(B) and inserting “2014”.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (5) of section 45(d) is amended by striking “and before” and all that follows and inserting “ and before October 3, 2008.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to property placed in service after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The amendment made by subsection (b) shall take effect as if included in section 102 of the Energy Improvement and Extension Act of 2008.

SEC. 1102. ELECTION OF INVESTMENT CREDIT IN LIEU OF PRODUCTION CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 48 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) ELECTION TO TREAT QUALIFIED FACILITIES AS ENERGY PROPERTY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any qualified property which is part of a qualified investment credit facility—

“(i) such property shall be treated as energy property for purposes of this section, and

“(ii) the energy percentage with respect to such property shall be 30 percent.

“(B) DENIAL OF PRODUCTION CREDIT.—No credit shall be allowed under section 45 for any taxable year with respect to any qualified investment credit facility.

“(C) QUALIFIED INVESTMENT CREDIT FACILITY.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘qualified investment credit facility’ means any of the following facilities if no credit has been allowed under section 45 with respect to such facility and the taxpayer makes an irrevocable election to have this paragraph apply to such facility:

“(i) WIND FACILITIES.—Any qualified facility (within the meaning of section 45) described in paragraph (1) of section 45(d) if such facility is placed in service in 2009, 2010, 2011, or 2012.

“(ii) OTHER FACILITIES.—Any qualified facility (within the meaning of section 45) described in paragraph (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (9), or (11) of section 45(d) if such facility is placed in service in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013.

“(D) QUALIFIED PROPERTY.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘qualified property’ means property—

“(i) which is—

“(I) tangible personal property, or

“(II) other tangible property (not including a building or its structural components), but only if such property is used as an integral part of the qualified investment credit facility, and

“(ii) with respect to which depreciation (or amortization in lieu of depreciation) is allowable.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to facilities placed in service after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1103. REPEAL OF CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON CREDIT FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROPERTY.

(a) REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED SMALL WIND ENERGY PROPERTY.—

Paragraph (4) of section 48(c) is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C).

(b) **REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON PROPERTY FINANCED BY SUBSIDIZED ENERGY FINANCING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 48(a)(4) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) **TERMINATION.**—This paragraph shall not apply to periods after December 31, 2008, under rules similar to the rules of section 48(m) (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990).”

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(A) Section 25C(e)(1) is amended by striking “(8), and (9)” and inserting “and (8)”.

(B) Section 25D(e) is amended by striking paragraph (9).

(C) Section 48A(b)(2) is amended by inserting “(without regard to subparagraph (D) thereof)” after “section 48(a)(4)”.

(D) Section 48B(b)(2) is amended by inserting “(without regard to subparagraph (D) thereof)” after “section 48(a)(4)”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by this section shall apply to periods after December 31, 2008, under rules similar to the rules of section 48(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990).

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—The amendments made by subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(2) shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1104. COORDINATION WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANTS.

Section 48 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) **COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY GRANTS.**—In the case of any property with respect to which the Secretary makes a grant under section 1603 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009—

“(1) **DENIAL OF PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT CREDITS.**—No credit shall be determined under this section or section 45 with respect to such property for the taxable year in which such grant is made or any subsequent taxable year.

“(2) **RECAPTURE OF CREDITS FOR PROGRESS EXPENDITURES MADE BEFORE GRANT.**—If a credit was determined under this section with respect to such property for any taxable year ending before such grant is made—

“(A) the tax imposed under subtitle A on the taxpayer for the taxable year in which such grant is made shall be increased by so much of such credit as was allowed under section 38,

“(B) the general business carryforwards under section 39 shall be adjusted so as to recapture the portion of such credit which was not so allowed, and

“(C) the amount of such grant shall be determined without regard to any reduction in the basis of such property by reason of such credit.

“(3) **TREATMENT OF GRANTS.**—Any such grant shall—

“(A) not be includible in the gross income of the taxpayer, but

“(B) shall be taken into account in determining the basis of the property to which such grant relates, except that the basis of such property shall be reduced under section 50(c) in the same manner as a credit allowed under subsection (a).”

PART II—INCREASED ALLOCATIONS OF NEW CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BONDS AND QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS

SEC. 1111. INCREASED LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF NEW CLEAN RENEWABLE ENERGY BONDS.

Subsection (c) of section 54C is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) **ADDITIONAL LIMITATION.**—The national new clean renewable energy bond limitation shall be increased by \$1,600,000,000. Such increase shall be allocated by the Secretary consistent with the rules of paragraphs (2) and (3).”

SEC. 1112. INCREASED LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF QUALIFIED ENERGY CONSERVATION BONDS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 54D(d) is amended by striking “\$800,000,000” and inserting “\$3,200,000,000”.

(b) **CLARIFICATION WITH RESPECT TO GREEN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Clause (ii) of section 54D(f)(1)(A) is amended by inserting “(including the use of loans, grants, or other repayment mechanisms to implement such programs)” after “green community programs”.

(2) **SPECIAL RULES FOR BONDS FOR IMPLEMENTING GREEN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.**—Subsection (e) of section 54D is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) **SPECIAL RULES FOR BONDS TO IMPLEMENT GREEN COMMUNITY PROGRAMS.**—In the case of any bond issued for the purpose of providing loans, grants, or other repayment mechanisms for capital expenditures to implement green community programs, such bond shall not be treated as a private activity bond for purposes of paragraph (3).”

PART III—ENERGY CONSERVATION INCENTIVES

SEC. 1121. EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF CREDIT FOR NONBUSINESS ENERGY PROPERTY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 25C is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following new subsections:

“(a) **ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.**—In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to 30 percent of the sum of—

“(1) the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer during such taxable year for qualified energy efficiency improvements, and

“(2) the amount of the residential energy property expenditures paid or incurred by the taxpayer during such taxable year.

“(b) **LIMITATION.**—The aggregate amount of the credits allowed under this section for taxable years beginning in 2009 and 2010 with respect to any taxpayer shall not exceed \$1,500.”

(b) **MODIFICATIONS OF STANDARDS FOR ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDING PROPERTY.**—

(1) **ELECTRIC HEAT PUMPS.**—Subparagraph (B) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“(B) an electric heat pump which achieves the highest efficiency tier established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency, as in effect on January 1, 2009.”

(2) **CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS.**—Subparagraph (C) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended by striking “2006” and inserting “2009”.

(3) **WATER HEATERS.**—Subparagraph (D) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“(D) a natural gas, propane, or oil water heater which has either an energy factor of at least 0.82 or a thermal efficiency of at least 90 percent.”

(4) **WOOD STOVES.**—Subparagraph (E) of section 25C(d)(3) is amended by inserting “, as measured using a lower heating value” after “75 percent”.

(c) **MODIFICATIONS OF STANDARDS FOR OIL FURNACES AND HOT WATER BOILERS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (4) of section 25C(d) is amended to read as follows:

“(4) **QUALIFIED NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, AND OIL FURNACES AND HOT WATER BOILERS.**—

“(A) **QUALIFIED NATURAL GAS FURNACE.**—The term ‘qualified natural gas furnace’ means any natural gas furnace which achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 95.

“(B) **QUALIFIED NATURAL GAS HOT WATER BOILER.**—The term ‘qualified natural gas hot water boiler’ means any natural gas hot water boiler which achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

“(C) **QUALIFIED PROPANE FURNACE.**—The term ‘qualified propane furnace’ means any propane furnace which achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 95.

“(D) **QUALIFIED PROPANE HOT WATER BOILER.**—The term ‘qualified propane hot water boiler’ means any propane hot water boiler which achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

“(E) **QUALIFIED OIL FURNACES.**—The term ‘qualified oil furnace’ means any oil furnace which achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.

“(F) **QUALIFIED OIL HOT WATER BOILER.**—The term ‘qualified oil hot water boiler’ means any oil hot water boiler which achieves an annual fuel utilization efficiency rate of not less than 90.”

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Clause (ii) of section 25C(d)(2)(A) is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) any qualified natural gas furnace, qualified propane furnace, qualified oil furnace, qualified natural gas hot water boiler, qualified propane hot water boiler, or qualified oil hot water boiler, or”

(d) **MODIFICATIONS OF STANDARDS FOR QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS.**—

(1) **QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXTERIOR WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS.**—Subsection (c) of section 25C is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) **QUALIFICATIONS FOR EXTERIOR WINDOWS, DOORS, AND SKYLIGHTS.**—Such term shall not include any component described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (2) unless such component is equal to or below a U factor of 0.30 and SHGC of 0.30.”

(2) **ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR INSULATION.**—Subparagraph (A) of section 25C(c)(2) is amended by inserting “and meets the prescriptive criteria for such material or system established by the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code, as such Code (including supplements) is in effect on the date of the enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009” after “such dwelling unit”.

(e) **EXTENSION.**—Section 25C(g)(2) is amended by striking “December 31, 2009” and inserting “December 31, 2010”.

(f) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

(2) **EFFICIENCY STANDARDS.**—The amendments made by paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b) and subsections (c) and (d) shall apply to property placed in service after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1122. MODIFICATION OF CREDIT FOR RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENT PROPERTY.

(a) **REMOVAL OF CREDIT LIMITATION FOR PROPERTY PLACED IN SERVICE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (1) of section 25D(b) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) **MAXIMUM CREDIT FOR FUEL CELLS.**—In the case of any qualified fuel cell property expenditure, the credit allowed under subsection (a) (determined without regard to subsection (c)) for any taxable year shall not exceed \$500 with respect to each half kilowatt of capacity of the qualified fuel cell property (as defined in section 48(c)(1)) to which such expenditure relates.”

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Paragraph (4) of section 25D(e) is amended—

(A) by striking all that precedes subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(4) **FUEL CELL EXPENDITURE LIMITATIONS IN CASE OF JOINT OCCUPANCY.**—In the case of any dwelling unit with respect to which qualified fuel cell property expenditures are made and

which is jointly occupied and used during any calendar year as a residence by two or more individuals, the following rules shall apply:

“(A) MAXIMUM EXPENDITURES FOR FUEL CELLS.—The maximum amount of such expenditures which may be taken into account under subsection (a) by all such individuals with respect to such dwelling unit during such calendar year shall be \$1,667 in the case of each half kilowatt of capacity of qualified fuel cell property (as defined in section 48(c)(1)) with respect to which such expenditures relate.”, and

(B) by striking subparagraph (C).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1123. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN CREDIT FOR ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE REFUELING PROPERTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 30C(e) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) SPECIAL RULE FOR PROPERTY PLACED IN SERVICE DURING 2009 AND 2010.—In the case of property placed in service in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011—

“(A) in the case of any such property which does not relate to hydrogen—

“(i) subsection (a) shall be applied by substituting ‘50 percent’ for ‘30 percent’,

“(ii) subsection (b)(1) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$50,000’ for ‘\$30,000’, and

“(iii) subsection (b)(2) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$2,000’ for ‘\$1,000’, and

“(B) in the case of any such property which relates to hydrogen, subsection (b)(1) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$200,000’ for ‘\$30,000’.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

PART IV—MODIFICATION OF CREDIT FOR CARBON DIOXIDE SEQUESTRATION

SEC. 1131. APPLICATION OF MONITORING REQUIREMENTS TO CARBON DIOXIDE USED AS A TERTIARY INJECTANT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 45Q(a)(2) is amended by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) disposed of by the taxpayer in secure geological storage.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 45Q(d)(2) is amended—

(A) by striking “subsection (a)(1)(B)” and inserting “paragraph (1)(B) or (2)(C) of subsection (a)”,

(B) by striking “and unminable coal seams” and inserting “, oil and gas reservoirs, and unminable coal seams”, and

(C) by inserting “the Secretary of Energy, and the Secretary of the Interior,” after “Environmental Protection Agency”.

(2) Section 45Q(a)(1)(B) is amended by inserting “and not used by the taxpayer as described in paragraph (2)(B)” after “storage”.

(3) Section 45Q(e) is amended by striking “captured and disposed of or used as a tertiary injectant” and inserting “taken into account in accordance with subsection (a)”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to carbon dioxide captured after the date of the enactment of this Act.

PART V—PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES

SEC. 1141. CREDIT FOR NEW QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 30D is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 30D. NEW QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES.

“(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount

equal to the sum of the credit amounts determined under subsection (b) with respect to each new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle placed in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

“(b) PER VEHICLE DOLLAR LIMITATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount determined under this subsection with respect to any new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle is the sum of the amounts determined under paragraphs (2) and (3) with respect to such vehicle.

“(2) BASE AMOUNT.—The amount determined under this paragraph is \$2,500.

“(3) BATTERY CAPACITY.—In the case of a vehicle which draws propulsion energy from a battery with not less than 5 kilowatt hours of capacity, the amount determined under this paragraph is \$417, plus \$417 for each kilowatt hour of capacity in excess of 5 kilowatt hours. The amount determined under this paragraph shall not exceed \$5,000.

“(c) APPLICATION WITH OTHER CREDITS.—

“(1) BUSINESS CREDIT TREATED AS PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.—So much of the credit which would be allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined without regard to this subsection) that is attributable to property of a character subject to an allowance for depreciation shall be treated as a credit listed in section 38(b) for such taxable year (and not allowed under subsection (a)).

“(2) PERSONAL CREDIT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this title, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined after application of paragraph (1)) shall be treated as a credit allowable under subpart A for such taxable year.

“(B) LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF TAX.—In the case of a taxable year to which section 26(a)(2) does not apply, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined after application of paragraph (1)) shall not exceed the excess of—

“(i) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over

“(ii) the sum of the credits allowable under subpart A (other than this section and sections 23 and 25D) and section 27 for the taxable year.

“(d) NEW QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle’ means a motor vehicle—

“(A) the original use of which commences with the taxpayer,

“(B) which is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale,

“(C) which is made by a manufacturer,

“(D) which is treated as a motor vehicle for purposes of title II of the Clean Air Act,

“(E) which has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds, and

“(F) which is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor which draws electricity from a battery which—

“(i) has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt hours, and

“(ii) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

“(2) MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term ‘motor vehicle’ means any vehicle which is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways (not including a vehicle operated exclusively on a rail or rails) and which has at least 4 wheels.

“(3) MANUFACTURER.—The term ‘manufacturer’ has the meaning given such term in regulations prescribed by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for purposes of the application of title II of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.).

“(4) BATTERY CAPACITY.—The term ‘capacity’ means, with respect to any battery, the quantity of electricity which the battery is capable of storing, expressed in kilowatt hours, as measured from a 100 percent state of charge to a 0 percent state of charge.

“(e) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF NEW QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle sold during the phaseout period, only the applicable percentage of the credit otherwise allowable under subsection (a) shall be allowed.

“(2) PHASEOUT PERIOD.—For purposes of this subsection, the phaseout period is the period beginning with the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter which includes the first date on which the number of new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles manufactured by the manufacturer of the vehicle referred to in paragraph (1) sold for use in the United States after December 31, 2009, is at least 200,000.

“(3) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable percentage is—

“(A) 50 percent for the first 2 calendar quarters of the phaseout period,

“(B) 25 percent for the 3d and 4th calendar quarters of the phaseout period, and

“(C) 0 percent for each calendar quarter thereafter.

“(4) CONTROLLED GROUPS.—Rules similar to the rules of section 30B(f)(4) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

“(f) SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) BASIS REDUCTION.—For purposes of this subtitle, the basis of any property for which a credit is allowable under subsection (a) shall be reduced by the amount of such credit so allowed.

“(2) NO DOUBLE BENEFIT.—The amount of any deduction or other credit allowable under this chapter for a new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle shall be reduced by the amount of credit allowed under subsection (a) for such vehicle.

“(3) PROPERTY USED BY TAX-EXEMPT ENTITY.—In the case of a vehicle the use of which is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 50(b) and which is not subject to a lease, the person who sold such vehicle to the person or entity using such vehicle shall be treated as the taxpayer that placed such vehicle in service, but only if such person clearly discloses to such person or entity in a document the amount of any credit allowable under subsection (a) with respect to such vehicle (determined without regard to subsection (c)).

“(4) PROPERTY USED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES NOT QUALIFIED.—No credit shall be allowable under subsection (a) with respect to any property referred to in section 50(b)(1).

“(5) RECAPTURE.—The Secretary shall, by regulations, provide for recapturing the benefit of any credit allowable under subsection (a) with respect to any property which ceases to be property eligible for such credit.

“(6) ELECTION NOT TO TAKE CREDIT.—No credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) for any vehicle if the taxpayer elects to not have this section apply to such vehicle.

“(7) INTERACTION WITH AIR QUALITY AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS.—A motor vehicle shall not be considered eligible for a credit under this section unless such vehicle is in compliance with—

“(A) the applicable provisions of the Clean Air Act for the applicable make and model year of the vehicle (or applicable air quality provisions of State law in the case of a State which has adopted such provision under a waiver under section 209(b) of the Clean Air Act), and

“(B) the motor vehicle safety provisions of sections 30101 through 30169 of title 49, United States Code.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 30B(d)(3)(D) is amended by striking “subsection (d) thereof” and inserting “subsection (c) thereof”.

(2) Section 38(b)(35) is amended by striking “30D(d)(1)” and inserting “30D(c)(1)”.

(3) Section 1016(a)(25) is amended by striking “section 30D(e)(4)” and inserting “section 30D(f)(1)”.

(4) Section 6501(m) is amended by striking “section 30D(e)(9)” and inserting “section 30D(e)(4)”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to vehicles acquired after December 31, 2009.

SEC. 1142. CREDIT FOR CERTAIN PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 30 is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 30. CERTAIN PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

“(a) **ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.**—There shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to 10 percent of the cost of any qualified plug-in electric vehicle placed in service by the taxpayer during the taxable year.

“(b) **PER VEHICLE DOLLAR LIMITATION.**—The amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) with respect to any vehicle shall not exceed \$2,500.

“(c) **APPLICATION WITH OTHER CREDITS.**—

“(1) **BUSINESS CREDIT TREATED AS PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS CREDIT.**—So much of the credit which would be allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined without regard to this subsection) that is attributable to property of a character subject to an allowance for depreciation shall be treated as a credit listed in section 38(b) for such taxable year (and not allowed under subsection (a)).

“(2) **PERSONAL CREDIT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this title, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined after application of paragraph (1)) shall be treated as a credit allowable under subpart A for such taxable year.

“(B) **LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF TAX.**—In the case of a taxable year to which section 26(a)(2) does not apply, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined after application of paragraph (1)) shall not exceed the excess of—

“(i) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over

“(ii) the sum of the credits allowable under subpart A (other than this section and sections 23, 25D, and 30D) and section 27 for the taxable year.

“(d) **QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE.**—For purposes of this section—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘qualified plug-in electric vehicle’ means a specified vehicle—

“(A) the original use of which commences with the taxpayer,

“(B) which is acquired for use or lease by the taxpayer and not for resale,

“(C) which is made by a manufacturer,

“(D) which is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways,

“(E) which has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 14,000 pounds, and

“(F) which is propelled to a significant extent by an electric motor which draws electricity from a battery which—

“(i) has a capacity of not less than 4 kilowatt hours (2.5 kilowatt hours in the case of a vehicle with 2 or 3 wheels), and

“(ii) is capable of being recharged from an external source of electricity.

“(2) **SPECIFIED VEHICLE.**—The term ‘specified vehicle’ means any vehicle which—

“(A) is a low speed vehicle within the meaning of section 571.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of the enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009), or

“(B) has 2 or 3 wheels.

“(3) **MANUFACTURER.**—The term ‘manufacturer’ has the meaning given such term in regulations prescribed by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for

purposes of the administration of title II of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.).

“(4) **BATTERY CAPACITY.**—The term ‘capacity’ means, with respect to any battery, the quantity of electricity which the battery is capable of storing, expressed in kilowatt hours, as measured from a 100 percent state of charge to a 0 percent state of charge.

“(e) **SPECIAL RULES.**—

“(1) **BASIS REDUCTION.**—For purposes of this subtitle, the basis of any property for which a credit is allowable under subsection (a) shall be reduced by the amount of such credit so allowed.

“(2) **NO DOUBLE BENEFIT.**—The amount of any deduction or other credit allowable under this chapter for a new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle shall be reduced by the amount of credit allowable under subsection (a) for such vehicle.

“(3) **PROPERTY USED BY TAX-EXEMPT ENTITY.**—In the case of a vehicle the use of which is described in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 50(b) and which is not subject to a lease, the person who sold such vehicle to the person or entity using such vehicle shall be treated as the taxpayer that placed such vehicle in service, but only if such person clearly discloses to such person or entity in a document the amount of any credit allowable under subsection (a) with respect to such vehicle (determined without regard to subsection (c)).

“(4) **PROPERTY USED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES NOT QUALIFIED.**—No credit shall be allowable under subsection (a) with respect to any property referred to in section 50(b)(1).

“(5) **RECAPTURE.**—The Secretary shall, by regulations, provide for recapturing the benefit of any credit allowable under subsection (a) with respect to any property which ceases to be property eligible for such credit.

“(6) **ELECTION NOT TO TAKE CREDIT.**—No credit shall be allowed under subsection (a) for any vehicle if the taxpayer elects to not have this section apply to such vehicle.

“(f) **TERMINATION.**—This section shall not apply to any vehicle acquired after December 31, 2011.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1)(A) Section 24(b)(3)(B) is amended by inserting “30,” after “25D.”.

(B) Section 25(e)(1)(C)(ii) is amended by inserting “30,” after “25D.”.

(C) Section 25B(g)(2) is amended by inserting “30,” after “25D.”.

(D) Section 26(a)(1) is amended by inserting “30,” after “25D.”.

(E) Section 904(i) is amended by striking “and 25B” and inserting “25B, 30, and 30D”.

(F) Section 1400C(d)(2) is amended by striking “and 25D” and inserting “25D, and 30”.

(2) Paragraph (1) of section 30B(h) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) **MOTOR VEHICLE.**—The term ‘motor vehicle’ means any vehicle which is manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways (not including a vehicle operated exclusively on a rail or rails) and which has at least 4 wheels.”.

(3) Section 30C(d)(2)(A) is amended by striking “30.”.

(4)(A) Section 53(d)(1)(B) is amended by striking clause (iii) and redesignating clause (iv) as clause (iii).

(B) Subclause (II) of section 53(d)(1)(B)(iii), as so redesignated, is amended by striking “increased in the manner provided in clause (iii)”.

(5) Section 55(c)(3) is amended by striking “30(b)(3).”.

(6) Section 1016(a)(25) is amended by striking “section 30(d)(1)” and inserting “section 30(e)(1)”.

(7) Section 6501(m) is amended by striking “section 30(d)(4)” and inserting “section 30(e)(6)”.

(8) The item in the table of sections for subpart B of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 30. Certain plug-in electric vehicles.”.

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to vehicles acquired after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **TRANSITIONAL RULE.**—In the case of a vehicle acquired after the date of the enactment of this Act and before January 1, 2010, no credit shall be allowed under section 30 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, if credit is allowable under section 30D of such Code with respect to such vehicle.

(e) **APPLICATION OF EGTRRA SUNSET.**—The amendment made by subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be subject to title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 in the same manner as the provision of such Act to which such amendment relates.

SEC. 1143. CONVERSION KITS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 30B (relating to alternative motor vehicle credit) is amended by redesignating subsections (i) and (j) as subsections (j) and (k), respectively, and by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection:

“(i) **PLUG-IN CONVERSION CREDIT.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of subsection (a), the plug-in conversion credit determined under this subsection with respect to any motor vehicle which is converted to a qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle is 10 percent of so much of the cost of the converting such vehicle as does not exceed \$40,000.

“(2) **QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLE.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle’ means any new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle (as defined in section 30D, determined without regard to whether such vehicle is made by a manufacturer or whether the original use of such vehicle commences with the taxpayer).

“(3) **CREDIT ALLOWED IN ADDITION TO OTHER CREDITS.**—The credit allowed under this subsection shall be allowed with respect to a motor vehicle notwithstanding whether a credit has been allowed with respect to such motor vehicle under this section (other than this subsection) in any preceding taxable year.

“(4) **TERMINATION.**—This subsection shall not apply to conversions made after December 31, 2011.”.

(b) **CREDIT TREATED AS PART OF ALTERNATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE CREDIT.**—Section 30B(a) is amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) the plug-in conversion credit determined under subsection (i).”.

(c) **NO RECAPTURE FOR VEHICLES CONVERTED TO QUALIFIED PLUG-IN ELECTRIC DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES.**—Paragraph (8) of section 30B(h) is amended by adding at the end the following: “, except that no benefit shall be recaptured if such property ceases to be eligible for such credit by reason of conversion to a qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicle.”.

(d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1144. TREATMENT OF ALTERNATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE CREDIT AS A PERSONAL CREDIT ALLOWED AGAINST AMT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (2) of section 30B(g) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) **PERSONAL CREDIT.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this title, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined after application of paragraph (1)) shall be treated as a credit allowable under subpart A for such taxable year.

“(B) **LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF TAX.**—In the case of a taxable year to which section 26(a)(2) does not apply, the credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year (determined after application of paragraph (1)) shall not exceed the excess of—

“(i) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over

“(ii) the sum of the credits allowable under subpart A (other than this section and sections 23, 25D, 30, and 30D) and section 27 for the taxable year.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1)(A) Section 24(b)(3)(B), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting “30B,” after “30.”.

(B) Section 25(e)(1)(C)(ii), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting “30B,” after “30.”.

(C) Section 25B(g)(2), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting “30B,” after “30.”.

(D) Section 26(a)(1), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting “30B,” after “30.”.

(E) Section 904(i), as amended by this Act, is amended by inserting “30B,” after “30.”.

(F) Section 1400(d)(2), as amended by this Act, is amended by striking “and 30” and inserting “30, and 30B”.

(2) Section 30C(d)(2)(A), as amended by this Act, is amended by striking “sections 27 and 30B” and inserting “section 27”.

(3) Section 55(c)(3) is amended by striking “30B(g)(2),”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

(d) APPLICATION OF EGTRRA SUNSET.—The amendment made by subsection (b)(1)(A) shall be subject to title IX of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 in the same manner as the provision of such Act to which such amendment relates.

PART VI—PARITY FOR TRANSPORTATION FRINGE BENEFITS

SEC. 1151. INCREASED EXCLUSION AMOUNT FOR COMMUTER TRANSIT BENEFITS AND TRANSIT PASSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 132(f) is amended by adding at the end the following flush sentence:

“In the case of any month beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this sentence and before January 1, 2011, subparagraph (A) shall be applied as if the dollar amount therein were the same as the dollar amount in effect for such month under subparagraph (B).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to months beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this section.

**Subtitle C—Tax Incentives for Business
PART I—TEMPORARY INVESTMENT INCENTIVES**

SEC. 1201. SPECIAL ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY ACQUIRED DURING 2009.

(a) EXTENSION OF SPECIAL ALLOWANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 168(k) is amended—

(A) by striking “January 1, 2010” and inserting “January 1, 2011”, and

(B) by striking “January 1, 2009” each place it appears and inserting “January 1, 2010”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) The heading for subsection (k) of section 168 is amended by striking “JANUARY 1, 2009” and inserting “JANUARY 1, 2010”.

(B) The heading for clause (ii) of section 168(k)(2)(B) is amended by striking “PRE-JANUARY 1, 2009” and inserting “PRE-JANUARY 1, 2010”.

(C) Subparagraph (B) of section 168(l)(5) is amended by striking “January 1, 2009” and inserting “January 1, 2010”.

(D) Subparagraph (C) of section 168(n)(2) is amended by striking “January 1, 2009” and inserting “January 1, 2010”.

(E) Subparagraph (B) of section 1400N(d)(3) is amended by striking “January 1, 2009” and inserting “January 1, 2010”.

(3) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Subparagraph (D) of section 168(k)(4) is amended—

(i) by striking “and” at the end of clause (i),

(ii) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii), and

(iii) by inserting after clause (i) the following new clause:

“(ii) ‘April 1, 2008’ shall be substituted for ‘January 1, 2008’ in subparagraph (A)(iii)(I) thereof, and”.

(B) Subparagraph (A) of section 6211(b)(4) is amended by inserting “168(k)(4),” after “53(e).”.

(b) EXTENSION OF ELECTION TO ACCELERATE THE AMT AND RESEARCH CREDITS IN LIEU OF BONUS DEPRECIATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 168(k)(4) (relating to election to accelerate the AMT and research credits in lieu of bonus depreciation) is amended—

(A) by striking “2009” and inserting “2010” in subparagraph (D)(iii) (as redesignated by subsection (a)(3)), and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(H) SPECIAL RULES FOR EXTENSION PROPERTY.—

“(i) TAXPAYERS PREVIOUSLY ELECTING ACCELERATION.—In the case of a taxpayer who made the election under subparagraph (A) for its first taxable year ending after March 31, 2008—

“(I) the taxpayer may elect not to have this paragraph apply to extension property, but

“(II) if the taxpayer does not make the election under subclause (I), in applying this paragraph to the taxpayer a separate bonus depreciation amount, maximum amount, and maximum increase amount shall be computed and applied to eligible qualified property which is extension property and to eligible qualified property which is not extension property.

“(ii) TAXPAYERS NOT PREVIOUSLY ELECTING ACCELERATION.—In the case of a taxpayer who did not make the election under subparagraph (A) for its first taxable year ending after March 31, 2008—

“(I) the taxpayer may elect to have this paragraph apply to its first taxable year ending after December 31, 2008, and each subsequent taxable year, and

“(II) if the taxpayer makes the election under subclause (I), this paragraph shall only apply to eligible qualified property which is extension property.

“(iii) EXTENSION PROPERTY.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘extension property’ means property which is eligible qualified property solely by reason of the extension of the application of the special allowance under paragraph (1) pursuant to the amendments made by section 1201(a) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009 (and the application of such extension to this paragraph pursuant to the amendment made by section 1201(b)(1) of such Act).”.

(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 6211(b)(4)(A) is amended by inserting “168(k)(4),” after “53(e).”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2008, in taxable years ending after such date.

(2) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made by subsections (a)(3) and (b)(2) shall apply to taxable years ending after March 31, 2008.

SEC. 1202. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN LIMITATIONS ON EXPENSING OF CERTAIN DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS ASSETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (7) of section 179(b) is amended—

(1) by striking “2008” and inserting “2008, or 2009”, and

(2) by striking “2008” in the heading thereof and inserting “2008, AND 2009”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

PART II—SMALL BUSINESS PROVISIONS

SEC. 1211. 5-YEAR CARRYBACK OF OPERATING LOSSES OF SMALL BUSINESSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (H) of section 172(b)(1) is amended to read as follows:

“(H) CARRYBACK FOR 2008 NET OPERATING LOSSES OF SMALL BUSINESSES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—If an eligible small business elects the application of this subparagraph with respect to an applicable 2008 net operating loss—

“(I) subparagraph (A)(i) shall be applied by substituting any whole number elected by the taxpayer which is more than 2 and less than 6 for ‘2’,

“(II) subparagraph (E)(ii) shall be applied by substituting the whole number which is one less than the whole number substituted under subclause (I) for ‘2’, and

“(III) subparagraph (F) shall not apply.

“(ii) APPLICABLE 2008 NET OPERATING LOSS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘applicable 2008 net operating loss’ means—

“(I) the taxpayer’s net operating loss for any taxable year ending in 2008, or

“(II) if the taxpayer elects to have this subclause apply in lieu of subclause (I), the taxpayer’s net operating loss for any taxable year beginning in 2008.

“(iii) ELECTION.—Any election under this subparagraph shall be made in such manner as may be prescribed by the Secretary, and shall be made by the due date (including extension of time) for filing the taxpayer’s return for the taxable year of the net operating loss. Any such election, once made, shall be irrevocable. Any election under this subparagraph may be made only with respect to 1 taxable year.

“(iv) ELIGIBLE SMALL BUSINESS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘eligible small business’ has the meaning given such term by subparagraph (F)(iii), except that in applying such subparagraph, section 448(c) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$15,000,000’ for ‘\$5,000,000’ each place it appears.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 172 is amended by striking subsection (k) and by redesignating subsection (l) as subsection (k).

(c) ANTI-ABUSE RULES.—The Secretary of Treasury or the Secretary’s designee shall prescribe such rules as are necessary to prevent the abuse of the purposes of the amendments made by this section, including anti-stuffing rules, anti-churning rules (including rules relating to sale-leasebacks), and rules similar to the rules under section 1091 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 relating to losses from wash sales.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the amendments made by this section shall apply to net operating losses arising in taxable years ending after December 31, 2007.

(2) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—In the case of a net operating loss for a taxable year ending before the date of the enactment of this Act—

(A) any election made under section 172(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to such loss may (notwithstanding such section) be revoked before the applicable date,

(B) any election made under section 172(b)(1)(H) of such Code with respect to such loss shall (notwithstanding such section) be treated as timely made if made before the applicable date, and

(C) any application under section 6411(a) of such Code with respect to such loss shall be treated as timely filed if filed before the applicable date.

For purposes of this paragraph, the term “applicable date” means the date which is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1212. DECREASED REQUIRED ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS IN 2009 FOR CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESSES.

Paragraph (1) of section 6654(d) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2009.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (C), in the case of any taxable year beginning in 2009, clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) shall be applied to any qualified individual by substituting ‘90 percent’ for ‘100 percent’.

“(ii) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘qualified individual’ means any individual if—

“(I) the adjusted gross income shown on the return of such individual for the preceding taxable year is less than \$500,000, and

“(II) such individual certifies that more than 50 percent of the gross income shown on the return of such individual for the preceding taxable year was income from a small business.

A certification under subclause (II) shall be in such form and manner and filed at such time as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe.

“(iii) INCOME FROM A SMALL BUSINESS.—For purposes of clause (ii), income from a small business means, with respect to any individual, income from a trade or business the average number of employees of which was less than 500 employees for the calendar year ending with or within the preceding taxable year of the individual.

“(iv) SEPARATE RETURNS.—In the case of a married individual (within the meaning of section 7703) who files a separate return for the taxable year for which the amount of the installment is being determined, clause (ii)(I) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$250,000’ for ‘\$500,000’.

“(v) ESTATES AND TRUSTS.—In the case of an estate or trust, adjusted gross income shall be determined as provided in section 67(e).”

PART III—INCENTIVES FOR NEW JOBS

SEC. 1221. INCENTIVES TO HIRE UNEMPLOYED VETERANS AND DISCONNECTED YOUTH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 51 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(14) CREDIT ALLOWED FOR UNEMPLOYED VETERANS AND DISCONNECTED YOUTH HIRED IN 2009 OR 2010.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any unemployed veteran or disconnected youth who begins work for the employer during 2009 or 2010 shall be treated as a member of a targeted group for purposes of this subpart.

“(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) UNEMPLOYED VETERAN.—The term ‘unemployed veteran’ means any veteran (as defined in paragraph (3)(B)), determined without regard to clause (ii) thereof who is certified by the designated local agency as—

“(I) having been discharged or released from active duty in the Armed Forces at any time during the 5-year period ending on the hiring date, and

“(II) being in receipt of unemployment compensation under State or Federal law for not less than 4 weeks during the 1-year period ending on the hiring date.

“(ii) DISCONNECTED YOUTH.—The term ‘disconnected youth’ means any individual who is certified by the designated local agency—

“(I) as having attained age 16 but not age 25 on the hiring date,

“(II) as not regularly attending any secondary, technical, or post-secondary school during the 6-month period preceding the hiring date,

“(III) as not regularly employed during such 6-month period, and

“(IV) as not readily employable by reason of lacking a sufficient number of basic skills.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to individuals who begin work for the employer after December 31, 2008.

PART IV—RULES RELATING TO DEBT INSTRUMENTS

SEC. 1231. DEFERRAL AND RATABLE INCLUSION OF INCOME ARISING FROM BUSINESS INDEBTEDNESS DISCHARGED BY THE REACQUISITION OF A DEBT INSTRUMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 108 (relating to income from discharge of indebtedness) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) DEFERRAL AND RATABLE INCLUSION OF INCOME ARISING FROM BUSINESS INDEBTEDNESS DISCHARGED BY THE REACQUISITION OF A DEBT INSTRUMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—At the election of the taxpayer, income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument shall be includible in gross income ratably over the 5-taxable-year period beginning with—

“(A) in the case of a reacquisition occurring in 2009, the fifth taxable year following the taxable year in which the reacquisition occurs, and

“(B) in the case of a reacquisition occurring in 2010, the fourth taxable year following the taxable year in which the reacquisition occurs.

“(2) DEFERRAL OF DEDUCTION FOR ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT IN DEBT FOR DEBT EXCHANGES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—If, as part of a reacquisition to which paragraph (1) applies, any debt instrument is issued for the applicable debt instrument being reacquired (or is treated as so issued under subsection (e)(4) and the regulations thereunder) and there is any original issue discount determined under subpart A of part V of subchapter P of this chapter with respect to the debt instrument so issued—

“(i) except as provided in clause (ii), no deduction otherwise allowable under this chapter shall be allowed to the issuer of such debt instrument with respect to the portion of such original issue discount which—

“(I) accrues before the 1st taxable year in the 5-taxable-year period in which income from the discharge of indebtedness attributable to the reacquisition of the debt instrument is includible under paragraph (1), and

“(II) does not exceed the income from the discharge of indebtedness with respect to the debt instrument being reacquired, and

“(ii) the aggregate amount of deductions disallowed under clause (i) shall be allowed as a deduction ratably over the 5-taxable-year period described in clause (i)(I).

If the amount of the original issue discount accruing before such 1st taxable year exceeds the income from the discharge of indebtedness with respect to the applicable debt instrument being reacquired, the deductions shall be disallowed in the order in which the original issue discount is accrued.

“(B) DEEMED DEBT FOR DEBT EXCHANGES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), if any debt instrument is issued by an issuer and the proceeds of such debt instrument are used directly or indirectly by the issuer to reacquire an applicable debt instrument of the issuer, the debt instrument so issued shall be treated as issued for the debt instrument being reacquired. If only a portion of the proceeds from a debt instrument are so used, the rules of subparagraph (A) shall apply to the portion of any original issue discount on the newly issued debt instrument which is equal to the portion of the proceeds from such instrument used to reacquire the outstanding instrument.

“(3) APPLICABLE DEBT INSTRUMENT.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) APPLICABLE DEBT INSTRUMENT.—The term ‘applicable debt instrument’ means any debt instrument which was issued by—

“(i) a C corporation, or

“(ii) any other person in connection with the conduct of a trade or business by such person.

“(B) DEBT INSTRUMENT.—The term ‘debt instrument’ means a bond, debenture, note, cer-

tificate, or any other instrument or contractual arrangement constituting indebtedness (within the meaning of section 1275(a)(1)).

“(4) REACQUISITION.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘reacquisition’ means, with respect to any applicable debt instrument, any acquisition of the debt instrument by—

“(i) the debtor which issued (or is otherwise the obligor under) the debt instrument, or

“(ii) a related person to such debtor.

“(B) ACQUISITION.—The term ‘acquisition’ shall, with respect to any applicable debt instrument, include an acquisition of the debt instrument for cash, the exchange of the debt instrument for another debt instrument (including an exchange resulting from a modification of the debt instrument), the exchange of the debt instrument for corporate stock or a partnership interest, and the contribution of the debt instrument to capital. Such term shall also include the complete forgiveness of the indebtedness by the holder of the debt instrument.

“(5) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND RULES.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) RELATED PERSON.—The determination of whether a person is related to another person shall be made in the same manner as under subsection (e)(4).

“(B) ELECTION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—An election under this subsection with respect to any applicable debt instrument shall be made by including with the return of tax imposed by chapter 1 for the taxable year in which the reacquisition of the debt instrument occurs a statement which—

“(I) clearly identifies such instrument, and

“(II) includes the amount of income to which paragraph (1) applies and such other information as the Secretary may prescribe.

“(ii) ELECTION IRREVOCABLE.—Such election, once made, is irrevocable.

“(iii) PASS-THRU ENTITIES.—In the case of a partnership, S corporation, or other pass-thru entity, the election under this subsection shall be made by the partnership, the S corporation, or other entity involved.

“(C) COORDINATION WITH OTHER EXCLUSIONS.—If a taxpayer elects to have this subsection apply to an applicable debt instrument, subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of subsection (a)(1) shall not apply to the income from the discharge of such indebtedness for the taxable year of the election or any subsequent taxable year.

“(D) ACCELERATION OF DEFERRED ITEMS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of the death of the taxpayer, the liquidation or sale of substantially all the assets of the taxpayer (including in a title 11 or similar case), the cessation of business by the taxpayer, or similar circumstances, any item of income or deduction which is deferred under this subsection (and has not previously been taken into account) shall be taken into account in the taxable year in which such event occurs (or in the case of a title 11 or similar case, the day before the petition is filed).

“(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR PASS-THRU ENTITIES.—The rule of clause (i) shall also apply in the case of the sale or exchange or redemption of an interest in a partnership, S corporation, or other pass-thru entity by a partner, shareholder, or other person holding an ownership interest in such entity.

“(6) SPECIAL RULE FOR PARTNERSHIPS.—In the case of a partnership, any income deferred under this subsection shall be allocated to the partners in the partnership immediately before the discharge in the manner such amounts would have been included in the distributive shares of such partners under section 704 if such income were recognized at such time. Any decrease in a partner’s share of partnership liabilities as a result of such discharge shall not be taken into account for purposes of section 752 at the time of the discharge to the extent it would cause the partner to recognize gain under section 731. Any decrease in partnership liabilities

deferred under the preceding sentence shall be taken into account by such partner at the same time, and to the extent remaining in the same amount, as income deferred under this subsection is recognized.

“(7) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may prescribe such regulations, rules, or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate for purposes of applying this subsection, including—

“(A) extending the application of the rules of paragraph (5)(D) to other circumstances where appropriate,

“(B) requiring reporting of the election (and such other information as the Secretary may require) on returns of tax for subsequent taxable years, and

“(C) rules for the application of this subsection to partnerships, S corporations, and other pass-thru entities, including for the allocation of deferred deductions.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to discharges in taxable years ending after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1232. MODIFICATIONS OF RULES FOR ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT ON CERTAIN HIGH YIELD OBLIGATIONS.

(a) SUSPENSION OF SPECIAL RULES.—Section 163(e)(5) (relating to special rules for original issue discount on certain high yield obligations) is amended by redesignating subparagraph (F) as subparagraph (G) and by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph:

“(F) SUSPENSION OF APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH.—

“(i) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION.—This paragraph shall not apply to any applicable high yield discount obligation issued during the period beginning on September 1, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2009, in exchange (including an exchange resulting from a modification of the debt instrument) for an obligation which is not an applicable high yield discount obligation and the issuer (or obligor) of which is the same as the issuer (or obligor) of such applicable high yield discount obligation. The preceding sentence shall not apply to any obligation the interest on which is interest described in section 871(h)(4) (without regard to subparagraph (D) thereof) or to any obligation issued to a related person (within the meaning of section 108(e)(4)).

“(ii) SUCCESSIVE APPLICATION.—Any obligation to which clause (i) applies shall not be treated as an applicable high yield discount obligation for purposes of applying this subparagraph to any other obligation issued in exchange for such obligation.

“(iii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND APPLICATION.—The Secretary may apply this paragraph with respect to debt instruments issued in periods following the period described in clause (i) if the Secretary determines that such application is appropriate in light of distressed conditions in the debt capital markets.”.

(b) INTEREST RATE USED IN DETERMINING HIGH YIELD OBLIGATIONS.—The last sentence of section 163(i)(1) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(i)” after “regulation”, and

(2) by inserting “, or (ii) permit, on a temporary basis, a rate to be used with respect to any debt instrument which is higher than the applicable Federal rate if the Secretary determines that such rate is appropriate in light of distressed conditions in the debt capital markets” before the period at the end.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(1) SUSPENSION.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to obligations issued after August 31, 2008, in taxable years ending after such date.

(2) INTEREST RATE AUTHORITY.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply to obligations issued after December 31, 2009, in taxable years ending after such date.

PART V—QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS STOCK

SEC. 1241. SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS STOCK FOR 2009 AND 2010.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1202(a) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR 2009 AND 2010.—In the case of qualified small business stock acquired after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and before January 1, 2011—

“(A) paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting ‘75 percent’ for ‘50 percent’, and

“(B) paragraph (2) shall not apply.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to stock acquired after the date of the enactment of this Act.

PART VI—S CORPORATIONS

SEC. 1251. TEMPORARY REDUCTION IN RECOGNITION PERIOD FOR BUILT-IN GAINS TAX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (7) of section 1374(d) (relating to definitions and special rules) is amended to read as follows:

“(7) RECOGNITION PERIOD.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘recognition period’ means the 10-year period beginning with the 1st day of the 1st taxable year for which the corporation was an S corporation.

“(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2009 AND 2010.—In the case of any taxable year beginning in 2009 or 2010, no tax shall be imposed on the net recognized built-in gain of an S corporation if the 7th taxable year in the recognition period preceded such taxable year. The preceding sentence shall be applied separately with respect to any asset to which paragraph (8) applies.

“(C) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS.—For purposes of applying this section to any amount includible in income by reason of distributions to shareholders pursuant to section 593(e)—

“(i) subparagraph (A) shall be applied without regard to the phrase ‘10-year’, and

“(ii) subparagraph (B) shall not apply.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.

PART VII—RULES RELATING TO OWNERSHIP CHANGES

SEC. 1261. CLARIFICATION OF REGULATIONS RELATED TO LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN BUILT-IN LOSSES FOLLOWING AN OWNERSHIP CHANGE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds as follows:

(1) The delegation of authority to the Secretary of the Treasury under section 382(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 does not authorize the Secretary to provide exemptions or special rules that are restricted to particular industries or classes of taxpayers.

(2) Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008–83 is inconsistent with the congressional intent in enacting such section 382(m).

(3) The legal authority to prescribe Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008–83 is doubtful.

(4) However, as taxpayers should generally be able to rely on guidance issued by the Secretary of the Treasury legislation is necessary to clarify the force and effect of Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008–83 and restore the proper application under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 of the limitation on built-in losses following an ownership change of a bank.

(b) DETERMINATION OF FORCE AND EFFECT OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE NOTICE 2008–83 EXEMPTING BANKS FROM LIMITATION ON CERTAIN BUILT-IN LOSSES FOLLOWING OWNERSHIP CHANGE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008–83—

(A) shall be deemed to have the force and effect of law with respect to any ownership change (as defined in section 382(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) occurring on or before January 16, 2009, and

(B) shall have no force or effect with respect to any ownership change after such date.

(2) BINDING CONTRACTS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), Internal Revenue Service Notice 2008–83 shall have the force and effect of law with respect to any ownership change (as so defined) which occurs after January 16, 2009, if such change—

(A) is pursuant to a written binding contract entered into on or before such date, or

(B) is pursuant to a written agreement entered into on or before such date and such agreement was described on or before such date in a public announcement or in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission required by reason of such ownership change.

SEC. 1262. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN OWNERSHIP CHANGES FOR PURPOSES OF LIMITATIONS ON NET OPERATING LOSS CARRYFORWARDS AND CERTAIN BUILT-IN LOSSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 382 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN OWNERSHIP CHANGES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The limitation contained in subsection (a) shall not apply in the case of an ownership change which is pursuant to a restructuring plan of a taxpayer which—

“(A) is required under a loan agreement or a commitment for a line of credit entered into with the Department of the Treasury under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, and

“(B) is intended to result in a rationalization of the costs, capitalization, and capacity with respect to the manufacturing workforce of, and suppliers to, the taxpayer and its subsidiaries.

“(2) SUBSEQUENT ACQUISITIONS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of any subsequent ownership change unless such ownership change is described in such paragraph.

“(3) LIMITATION BASED ON CONTROL IN CORPORATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of any ownership change if, immediately after such ownership change, any person (other than a voluntary employees’ beneficiary association under section 501(c)(9)) owns stock of the new loss corporation possessing 50 percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote, or of the total value of the stock of such corporation.

“(B) TREATMENT OF RELATED PERSONS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Related persons shall be treated as a single person for purposes of this paragraph.

“(ii) RELATED PERSONS.—For purposes of clause (i), a person shall be treated as related to another person if—

“(I) such person bears a relationship to such other person described in section 267(b) or 707(b), or

“(II) such persons are members of a group of persons acting in concert.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to ownership changes after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle D—Manufacturing Recovery Provisions

SEC. 1301. TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS TO FACILITIES MANUFACTURING INTANGIBLE PROPERTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C) of section 144(a)(12) is amended—

(1) by striking “For purposes of this paragraph, the term” and inserting “For purposes of this paragraph—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term”, and

(2) by striking the last sentence and inserting the following new clauses:

“(ii) CERTAIN FACILITIES INCLUDED.—Such term includes facilities which are directly related and ancillary to a manufacturing facility (determined without regard to this clause) if—

“(I) such facilities are located on the same site as the manufacturing facility, and

“(II) not more than 25 percent of the net proceeds of the issue are used to provide such facilities.

“(iii) SPECIAL RULES FOR BONDS ISSUED IN 2009 AND 2010.—In the case of any issue made after the date of enactment of this clause and before January 1, 2011, clause (ii) shall not apply and the net proceeds from a bond shall be considered to be used to provide a manufacturing facility if such proceeds are used to provide—

“(I) a facility which is used in the creation or production of intangible property which is described in section 197(d)(1)(C)(iii), or

“(II) a facility which is functionally related and subordinate to a manufacturing facility (determined without regard to this subclause) if such facility is located on the same site as the manufacturing facility.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1302. CREDIT FOR INVESTMENT IN ADVANCED ENERGY FACILITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 46 (relating to amount of credit) is amended by striking “and” at the end of paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (4), and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) the qualifying advanced energy project credit.”.

(b) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—Subpart E of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 (relating to rules for computing investment credit) is amended by inserting after section 48B the following new section:

“SEC. 48C. QUALIFYING ADVANCED ENERGY PROJECT CREDIT.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 46, the qualifying advanced energy project credit for any taxable year is an amount equal to 30 percent of the qualified investment for such taxable year with respect to any qualifying advanced energy project of the taxpayer.

“(b) QUALIFIED INVESTMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (a), the qualified investment for any taxable year is the basis of eligible property placed in service by the taxpayer during such taxable year which is part of a qualifying advanced energy project.

“(2) CERTAIN QUALIFIED PROGRESS EXPENDITURES RULES MADE APPLICABLE.—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (c)(4) and (d) of section 46 (as in effect on the day before the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990) shall apply for purposes of this section.

“(3) LIMITATION.—The amount which is treated for all taxable years with respect to any qualifying advanced energy project shall not exceed the amount designated by the Secretary as eligible for the credit under this section.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—

“(1) QUALIFYING ADVANCED ENERGY PROJECT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualifying advanced energy project’ means a project—

“(i) which re-equips, expands, or establishes a manufacturing facility for the production of—

“(I) property designed to be used to produce energy from the sun, wind, geothermal deposits (within the meaning of section 613(e)(2)), or other renewable resources,

“(II) fuel cells, microturbines, or an energy storage system for use with electric or hybrid-electric motor vehicles,

“(III) electric grids to support the transmission of intermittent sources of renewable energy, including storage of such energy,

“(IV) property designed to capture and sequester carbon dioxide emissions,

“(V) property designed to refine or blend renewable fuels or to produce energy conservation technologies (including energy-conserving lighting technologies and smart grid technologies),

“(VI) new qualified plug-in electric drive motor vehicles (as defined by section 30D), qualified plug-in electric vehicles (as defined by

section 30(d)), or components which are designed specifically for use with such vehicles, including electric motors, generators, and power control units, or

“(VII) other advanced energy property designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as may be determined by the Secretary, and

“(ii) any portion of the qualified investment of which is certified by the Secretary under subsection (d) as eligible for a credit under this section.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Such term shall not include any portion of a project for the production of any property which is used in the refining or blending of any transportation fuel (other than renewable fuels).

“(2) ELIGIBLE PROPERTY.—The term ‘eligible property’ means any property—

“(A) which is necessary for the production of property described in paragraph (1)(A)(i),

“(B) which is—

“(i) tangible personal property, or

“(ii) other tangible property (not including a building or its structural components), but only if such property is used as an integral part of the qualified investment credit facility, and

“(C) with respect to which depreciation (or amortization in lieu of depreciation) is allowable.

“(d) QUALIFYING ADVANCED ENERGY PROJECT PROGRAM.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall establish a qualifying advanced energy project program to consider and award certifications for qualified investments eligible for credits under this section to qualifying advanced energy project sponsors.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The total amount of credits that may be allocated under the program shall not exceed \$2,300,000,000.

“(2) CERTIFICATION.—

“(A) APPLICATION PERIOD.—Each applicant for certification under this paragraph shall submit an application containing such information as the Secretary may require during the 2-year period beginning on the date the Secretary establishes the program under paragraph (1).

“(B) TIME TO MEET CRITERIA FOR CERTIFICATION.—Each applicant for certification shall have 1 year from the date of acceptance by the Secretary of the application during which to provide to the Secretary evidence that the requirements of the certification have been met.

“(C) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—An applicant which receives a certification shall have 3 years from the date of issuance of the certification in order to place the project in service and if such project is not placed in service by that time period, then the certification shall no longer be valid.

“(3) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In determining which qualifying advanced energy projects to certify under this section, the Secretary—

“(A) shall take into consideration only those projects where there is a reasonable expectation of commercial viability, and

“(B) shall take into consideration which projects—

“(i) will provide the greatest domestic job creation (both direct and indirect) during the credit period,

“(ii) will provide the greatest net impact in avoiding or reducing air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases,

“(iii) have the greatest potential for technological innovation and commercial deployment,

“(iv) have the lowest levelized cost of generated or stored energy, or of measured reduction in energy consumption or greenhouse gas emission (based on costs of the full supply chain), and

“(v) have the shortest project time from certification to completion.

“(4) REVIEW AND REDISTRIBUTION.—

“(A) REVIEW.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Sec-

retary shall review the credits allocated under this section as of such date.

“(B) REDISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary may re-allocate credits awarded under this section if the Secretary determines that—

“(i) there is an insufficient quantity of qualifying applications for certification pending at the time of the review, or

“(ii) any certification made pursuant to paragraph (2) has been revoked pursuant to paragraph (2)(B) because the project subject to the certification has been delayed as a result of third party opposition or litigation to the proposed project.

“(C) REALLOCATION.—If the Secretary determines that credits under this section are available for reallocation pursuant to the requirements set forth in paragraph (2), the Secretary is authorized to conduct an additional program for applications for certification.

“(5) DISCLOSURE OF ALLOCATIONS.—The Secretary shall, upon making a certification under this subsection, publicly disclose the identity of the applicant and the amount of the credit with respect to such applicant.

“(e) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—A credit shall not be allowed under this section for any qualified investment for which a credit is allowed under section 48, 48A, or 48B.”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 49(a)(1)(C) is amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii), by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting “, and”, and by adding after clause (iv) the following new clause:

“(v) the basis of any property which is part of a qualifying advanced energy project under section 48C.”.

(2) The table of sections for subpart E of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 48B the following new item:

“48C. Qualifying advanced energy project credit.”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to periods after the date of the enactment of this Act, under rules similar to the rules of section 48(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Revenue Reconciliation Act of 1990).

Subtitle E—Economic Recovery Tools

SEC. 1401. RECOVERY ZONE BONDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter Y of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new part:

“PART III—RECOVERY ZONE BONDS

“Sec. 1400U-1. Allocation of recovery zone bonds.

“Sec. 1400U-2. Recovery zone economic development bonds.

“Sec. 1400U-3. Recovery zone facility bonds.

“SEC. 1400U-1. ALLOCATION OF RECOVERY ZONE BONDS.

“(a) ALLOCATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—

“(A) GENERAL ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall allocate the national recovery zone economic development bond limitation and the national recovery zone facility bond limitation among the States in the proportion that each such State’s 2008 State employment decline bears to the aggregate of the 2008 State employment declines for all of the States.

“(B) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—The Secretary shall adjust the allocations under subparagraph (A) for any calendar year for each State to the extent necessary to ensure that no State receives less than 0.9 percent of the national recovery zone economic development bond limitation and 0.9 percent of the national recovery zone facility bond limitation.

“(2) 2008 STATE EMPLOYMENT DECLINE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘2008 State employment decline’ means, with respect to any State, the excess (if any) of—

“(A) the number of individuals employed in such State determined for December 2007, over

“(B) the number of individuals employed in such State determined for December 2008.

“(3) ALLOCATIONS BY STATES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each State with respect to which an allocation is made under paragraph (1) shall reallocate such allocation among the counties and large municipalities in such State in the proportion to each such county’s or municipality’s 2008 employment decline bears to the aggregate of the 2008 employment declines for all the counties and municipalities in such State. A county or municipality may waive any portion of an allocation made under this subparagraph.

“(B) LARGE MUNICIPALITIES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term ‘large municipality’ means a municipality with a population of more than 100,000.

“(C) DETERMINATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES.—For purposes of this paragraph, the employment decline of any municipality or county shall be determined in the same manner as determining the State employment decline under paragraph (2), except that in the case of a municipality any portion of which is in a county, such portion shall be treated as part of such municipality and not part of such county.

“(4) NATIONAL LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS.—There is a national recovery zone economic development bond limitation of \$10,000,000,000.

“(B) RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BONDS.—There is a national recovery zone facility bond limitation of \$15,000,000,000.

“(b) RECOVERY ZONE.—For purposes of this part, the term ‘recovery zone’ means—

“(1) any area designated by the issuer as having significant poverty, unemployment, rate of home foreclosures, or general distress,

“(2) any area designated by the issuer as economically distressed by reason of the closure or realignment of a military installation pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990, and

“(3) any area for which a designation as an empowerment zone or renewal community is in effect.

“**SEC. 1400U-2. RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a recovery zone economic development bond—

“(1) such bond shall be treated as a qualified bond for purposes of section 6431, and

“(2) subsection (b) of such section shall be applied by substituting ‘45 percent’ for ‘35 percent’.

“(b) RECOVERY ZONE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘recovery zone economic development bond’ means any build America bond (as defined in section 54AA(d)) issued before January 1, 2011, as part of issue if—

“(A) 100 percent of the excess of—

“(i) the available project proceeds (as defined in section 54A) of such issue, over

“(ii) the amounts in a reasonably required reserve (within the meaning of section 150(a)(3)) with respect to such issue, are to be used for one or more qualified economic development purposes, and

“(B) the issuer designates such bond for purposes of this section.

“(2) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONDS DESIGNATED.—The maximum aggregate face amount of bonds which may be designated by any issuer under paragraph (1) shall not exceed the amount of the recovery zone economic development bond limitation allocated to such issuer under section 1400U-1.

“(c) QUALIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSE.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified economic development purpose’ means expenditures for purposes of promoting development or other economic activity in a recovery zone, including—

“(1) capital expenditures paid or incurred with respect to property located in such zone,

“(2) expenditures for public infrastructure and construction of public facilities, and

“(3) expenditures for job training and educational programs.

“**SEC. 1400U-3. RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BONDS.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of part IV of subchapter B (relating to tax exemption requirements for State and local bonds), the term ‘exempt facility bond’ includes any recovery zone facility bond.

“(b) RECOVERY ZONE FACILITY BOND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘recovery zone facility bond’ means any bond issued as part of an issue if—

“(A) 95 percent or more of the net proceeds (as defined in section 150(a)(3)) of such issue are to be used for recovery zone property,

“(B) such bond is issued before January 1, 2011, and

“(C) the issuer designates such bond for purposes of this section.

“(2) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONDS DESIGNATED.—The maximum aggregate face amount of bonds which may be designated by any issuer under paragraph (1) shall not exceed the amount of recovery zone facility bond limitation allocated to such issuer under section 1400U-1.

“(c) RECOVERY ZONE PROPERTY.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘recovery zone property’ means any property to which section 168 applies (or would apply but for section 179) if—

“(A) such property was constructed, reconstructed, renovated, or acquired by purchase (as defined in section 179(d)(2)) by the taxpayer after the date on which the designation of the recovery zone took effect,

“(B) the original use of which in the recovery zone commences with the taxpayer, and

“(C) substantially all of the use of which is in the recovery zone and is in the active conduct of a qualified business by the taxpayer in such zone.

“(2) QUALIFIED BUSINESS.—The term ‘qualified business’ means any trade or business except that—

“(A) the rental to others of real property located in a recovery zone shall be treated as a qualified business only if the property is not residential rental property (as defined in section 168(e)(2)), and

“(B) such term shall not include any trade or business consisting of the operation of any facility described in section 144(c)(6)(B).

“(3) SPECIAL RULES FOR SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATIONS AND SALE-LEASEBACK.—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (a)(2) and (b) of section 1397D shall apply for purposes of this subsection.

“(d) NONAPPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Sections 146 (relating to volume cap) and 147(d) (relating to acquisition of existing property not permitted) shall not apply to any recovery zone facility bond.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of parts for subchapter Y of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“PART III. RECOVERY ZONE BONDS.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“**SEC. 1402. TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7871 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS.—

“(1) ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall allocate the national tribal economic development bond limitation among the Indian tribal governments in such manner as the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, determines appropriate.

“(B) NATIONAL LIMITATION.—There is a national tribal economic development bond limitation of \$2,000,000,000.

“(2) BONDS TREATED AS EXEMPT FROM TAX.—In the case of a tribal economic development bond—

“(A) notwithstanding subsection (c), such bond shall be treated for purposes of this title in the same manner as if such bond were issued by a State,

“(B) the Indian tribal government issuing such bond and any instrumentality of such Indian tribal government shall be treated as a State for purposes of section 141, and

“(C) section 146 shall not apply.

“(3) TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘tribal economic development bond’ means any bond issued by an Indian tribal government—

“(i) the interest on which would be exempt from tax under section 103 if issued by a State or local government, and

“(ii) which is designated by the Indian tribal government as a tribal economic development bond for purposes of this subsection.

“(B) EXCEPTIONS.—Such term shall not include any bond issued as part of an issue if any portion of the proceeds of such issue are used to finance—

“(i) any portion of a building in which class II or class III gaming (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) is conducted or housed or any other property actually used in the conduct of such gaming, or

“(ii) any facility located outside the Indian reservation (as defined in section 168(j)(6)).

“(C) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONDS DESIGNATED.—The maximum aggregate face amount of bonds which may be designated by any Indian tribal government under subparagraph (A) shall not exceed the amount of national tribal economic development bond limitation allocated to such government under paragraph (1).”.

(b) STUDY.—The Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary’s delegate, shall conduct a study of the effects of the amendment made by subsection (a). Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary’s delegate, shall report to Congress on the results of the study conducted under this paragraph, including the Secretary’s recommendations regarding such amendment.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.

“**SEC. 1403. INCREASE IN NEW MARKETS TAX CREDIT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 45D(f)(1) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (C),

(2) by striking “, 2007, 2008, and 2009.” in subparagraph (D), and inserting “and 2007,” and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(E) \$5,000,000,000 for 2008, and

“(F) \$5,000,000,000 for 2009.”.

(b) SPECIAL RULE FOR ALLOCATION OF INCREASED 2008 LIMITATION.—The amount of the increase in the new markets tax credit limitation for calendar year 2008 by reason of the amendments made by subsection (a) shall be allocated in accordance with section 45D(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to qualified community development entities (as defined in section 45D(c) of such Code) which—

(1) submitted an allocation application with respect to calendar year 2008, and

(2)(A) did not receive an allocation for such calendar year, or

(B) received an allocation for such calendar year in an amount less than the amount requested in the allocation application.

SEC. 1404. COORDINATION OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING GRANTS.

Subsection (i) of section 42 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) COORDINATION WITH LOW-INCOME HOUSING GRANTS.—

“(A) REDUCTION IN STATE HOUSING CREDIT CEILING FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2009.—For purposes of this section, the amounts described in clauses (i) through (iv) of subsection (h)(3)(C) with respect to any State for 2009 shall each be reduced by so much of such amount as is taken into account in determining the amount of any grant to such State under section 1602 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act of 2009.

“(B) SPECIAL RULE FOR BASIS.—Basis of a qualified low-income building shall not be reduced by the amount of any grant described in subparagraph (A).”.

**Subtitle F—Infrastructure Financing Tools
PART I—IMPROVED MARKETABILITY FOR TAX-EXEMPT BONDS**

SEC. 1501. DE MINIMIS SAFE HARBOR EXCEPTION FOR TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST EXPENSE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 265 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) DE MINIMIS EXCEPTION FOR BONDS ISSUED DURING 2009 OR 2010.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In applying paragraph (2)(A), there shall not be taken into account tax-exempt obligations issued during 2009 or 2010.

“(B) LIMITATION.—The amount of tax-exempt obligations not taken into account by reason of subparagraph (A) shall not exceed 2 percent of the amount determined under paragraph (2)(B).

“(C) REFUNDINGS.—For purposes of this paragraph, a refunding bond (whether a current or advance refunding) shall be treated as issued on the date of the issuance of the refunded bond (or in the case of a series of refundings, the original bond).”.

(b) TREATMENT AS FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PREFERENCE ITEM.—Clause (iv) of section 291(e)(1)(B) is amended by adding at the end the following: “That portion of any obligation not taken into account under paragraph (2)(A) of section 265(b) by reason of paragraph (7) of such section shall be treated for purposes of this section as having been acquired on August 7, 1986.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1502. MODIFICATION OF SMALL ISSUER EXCEPTION TO TAX-EXEMPT INTEREST EXPENSE ALLOCATION RULES FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 265(b) (relating to exception for certain tax-exempt obligations) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(G) SPECIAL RULES FOR OBLIGATIONS ISSUED DURING 2009 AND 2010.—

“(i) INCREASE IN LIMITATION.—In the case of obligations issued during 2009 or 2010, subparagraphs (C)(i), (D)(i), and (D)(iii)(II) shall each be applied by substituting ‘\$30,000,000’ for ‘\$10,000,000’.

“(ii) QUALIFIED 501(C)(3) BONDS TREATED AS ISSUED BY EXEMPT ORGANIZATION.—In the case of a qualified 501(c)(3) bond (as defined in section 145) issued during 2009 or 2010, this paragraph shall be applied by treating the 501(c)(3) organization for whose benefit such bond was issued as the issuer.

“(iii) SPECIAL RULE FOR QUALIFIED FINANCINGS.—In the case of a qualified financing issue issued during 2009 or 2010—

“(I) subparagraph (F) shall not apply, and

“(II) any obligation issued as a part of such issue shall be treated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation if the requirements of this paragraph

are met with respect to each qualified portion of the issue (determined by treating each qualified portion as a separate issue which is issued by the qualified borrower with respect to which such portion relates).

“(iv) QUALIFIED FINANCING ISSUE.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘qualified financing issue’ means any composite, pooled, or other conduit financing issue the proceeds of which are used directly or indirectly to make or finance loans to 1 or more ultimate borrowers each of whom is a qualified borrower.

“(v) QUALIFIED PORTION.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘qualified portion’ means that portion of the proceeds which are used with respect to each qualified borrower under the issue.

“(vi) QUALIFIED BORROWER.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘qualified borrower’ means a borrower which is a State or political subdivision thereof or an organization described in section 501(c)(3) and exempt from taxation under section 501(a).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1503. TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX LIMITATIONS ON TAX-EXEMPT BONDS.

(a) INTEREST ON PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDS ISSUED DURING 2009 AND 2010 NOT TREATED AS TAX PREFERENCE ITEM.—Subparagraph (C) of section 57(a)(5) is amended by adding at the end a new clause:

“(vi) EXCEPTION FOR BONDS ISSUED IN 2009 AND 2010.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of clause (i), the term ‘private activity bond’ shall not include any bond issued after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011.

“(II) TREATMENT OF REFUNDING BONDS.—For purposes of subclause (I), a refunding bond (whether a current or advance refunding) shall be treated as issued on the date of the issuance of the refunded bond (or in the case of a series of refundings, the original bond).

“(III) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN REFUNDING BONDS.—Subclause (II) shall not apply to any refunding bond which is issued to refund any bond which was issued after December 31, 2003, and before January 1, 2009.”.

(b) NO ADJUSTMENT TO ADJUSTED CURRENT EARNINGS FOR INTEREST ON TAX-EXEMPT BONDS ISSUED DURING 2009 AND 2010.—Subparagraph (B) of section 56(g)(4) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iv) TAX EXEMPT INTEREST ON BONDS ISSUED IN 2009 AND 2010.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) shall not apply in the case of any interest on a bond issued after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011.

“(II) TREATMENT OF REFUNDING BONDS.—For purposes of subclause (I), a refunding bond (whether a current or advance refunding) shall be treated as issued on the date of the issuance of the refunded bond (or in the case of a series of refundings, the original bond).

“(III) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN REFUNDING BONDS.—Subclause (II) shall not apply to any refunding bond which is issued to refund any bond which was issued after December 31, 2003, and before January 1, 2009.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after December 31, 2008.

SEC. 1504. MODIFICATION TO HIGH SPEED INTER-CITY RAIL FACILITY BONDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 142(i) is amended by striking “operate at speeds in excess of” and inserting “be capable of attaining a maximum speed in excess of”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.

PART II—DELAY IN APPLICATION OF WITHHOLDING TAX ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS

SEC. 1511. DELAY IN APPLICATION OF WITHHOLDING TAX ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

Subsection (b) of section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 is amended by striking “December 31, 2010” and inserting “December 31, 2011”.

PART III—TAX CREDIT BONDS FOR SCHOOLS

SEC. 1521. QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart I of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 54F. QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS.

“(a) QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND.—For purposes of this subchapter, the term ‘qualified school construction bond’ means any bond issued as part of an issue if—

“(1) 100 percent of the available project proceeds of such issue are to be used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for the acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed with part of the proceeds of such issue,

“(2) the bond is issued by a State or local government within the jurisdiction of which such school is located, and

“(3) the issuer designates such bond for purposes of this section.

“(b) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONDS DESIGNATED.—The maximum aggregate face amount of bonds issued during any calendar year which may be designated under subsection (a) by any issuer shall not exceed the limitation amount allocated under subsection (d) for such calendar year to such issuer.

“(c) NATIONAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF BONDS DESIGNATED.—There is a national qualified school construction bond limitation for each calendar year. Such limitation is—

“(1) \$11,000,000,000 for 2009,

“(2) \$11,000,000,000 for 2010, and

“(3) except as provided in subsection (e), zero after 2010.

“(d) ALLOCATION OF LIMITATION.—

“(1) ALLOCATION AMONG STATES.—Except as provided in paragraph (2)(C), the limitation applicable under subsection (c) for any calendar year shall be allocated by the Secretary among the States in proportion to the respective amounts each such State is eligible to receive under section 1124 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6333) for the most recent fiscal year ending before such calendar year. The limitation amount allocated to a State under the preceding sentence shall be allocated by the State to issuers within such State.

“(2) 40 PERCENT OF LIMITATION ALLOCATED AMONG LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—40 percent of the limitation applicable under subsection (c) for any calendar year shall be allocated under subparagraph (B) by the Secretary among local educational agencies which are large local educational agencies for such year.

“(B) ALLOCATION FORMULA.—The amount to be allocated under subparagraph (A) for any calendar year shall be allocated among large local educational agencies in proportion to the respective amounts each such agency received under section 1124 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6333) for the most recent fiscal year ending before such calendar year.

“(C) REDUCTION IN STATE ALLOCATION.—The allocation to any State under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the aggregate amount of the allocations under this paragraph to large local educational agencies within such State.

“(D) ALLOCATION OF UNUSED LIMITATION TO STATE.—The amount allocated under this paragraph to a large local educational agency for

any calendar year may be reallocated by such agency to the State in which such agency is located for such calendar year. Any amount reallocated to a State under the preceding sentence may be allocated as provided in paragraph (1).

“(E) LARGE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘large local educational agency’ means, with respect to a calendar year, any local educational agency if such agency is—

“(i) among the 100 local educational agencies with the largest numbers of children aged 5 through 17 from families living below the poverty level, as determined by the Secretary using the most recent data available from the Department of Commerce that are satisfactory to the Secretary, or

“(ii) 1 of not more than 25 local educational agencies (other than those described in clause (i)) that the Secretary of Education determines (based on the most recent data available satisfactory to the Secretary) are in particular need of assistance, based on a low level of resources for school construction, a high level of enrollment growth, or such other factors as the Secretary deems appropriate.

“(3) ALLOCATIONS TO CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—The amount to be allocated under paragraph (1) to any possession of the United States other than Puerto Rico shall be the amount which would have been allocated if all allocations under paragraph (1) were made on the basis of respective populations of individuals below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget). In making other allocations, the amount to be allocated under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the aggregate amount allocated under this paragraph to possessions of the United States.

“(4) ALLOCATIONS FOR INDIAN SCHOOLS.—In addition to the amounts otherwise allocated under this subsection, \$200,000,000 for calendar year 2009, and \$200,000,000 for calendar year 2010, shall be allocated by the Secretary of the Interior for purposes of the construction, rehabilitation, and repair of schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In the case of amounts allocated under the preceding sentence, Indian tribal governments (as defined in section 7702(a)(40)) shall be treated as qualified issuers for purposes of this subchapter.

“(e) CARRYOVER OF UNUSED LIMITATION.—If for any calendar year—

“(1) the amount allocated under subsection (d) to any State, exceeds

“(2) the amount of bonds issued during such year which are designated under subsection (a) pursuant to such allocation,

the limitation amount under such subsection for such State for the following calendar year shall be increased by the amount of such excess. A similar rule shall apply to the amounts allocated under subsection (d)(4).”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Paragraph (1) of section 54A(d) is amended by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (C), by inserting “or” at the end of subparagraph (D), and by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

“(E) a qualified school construction bond.”

(2) Subparagraph (C) of section 54A(d)(2) is amended by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii), by striking the period at the end of clause (iv) and inserting “, and”, and by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(v) in the case of a qualified school construction bond, a purpose specified in section 54F(a)(1).”

(3) The table of sections for subpart I of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 54F. Qualified school construction bonds.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1522. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 54E(c)(1) is amended by striking “and 2009” and inserting “and \$1,400,000,000 for 2009 and 2010”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after December 31, 2008.

PART IV—BUILD AMERICA BONDS

SEC. 1531. BUILD AMERICA BONDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new subpart:

“Subpart J—Build America Bonds

“Sec. 54AA. Build America bonds.

“SEC. 54AA. BUILD AMERICA BONDS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—If a taxpayer holds a build America bond on one or more interest payment dates of the bond during any taxable year, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of the credits determined under subsection (b) with respect to such dates.

“(b) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—The amount of the credit determined under this subsection with respect to any interest payment date for a build America bond is 35 percent of the amount of interest payable by the issuer with respect to such date.

“(c) LIMITATION BASED ON AMOUNT OF TAX.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The credit allowed under subsection (a) for any taxable year shall not exceed the excess of—

“(A) the sum of the regular tax liability (as defined in section 26(b)) plus the tax imposed by section 55, over

“(B) the sum of the credits allowable under this part (other than subpart C and this subpart).

“(2) CARRYOVER OF UNUSED CREDIT.—If the credit allowable under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation imposed by paragraph (1) for such taxable year, such excess shall be carried to the succeeding taxable year and added to the credit allowable under subsection (a) for such taxable year (determined before the application of paragraph (1) for such succeeding taxable year).

“(d) BUILD AMERICA BOND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘build America bond’ means any obligation (other than a private activity bond) if—

“(A) the interest on such obligation would (but for this section) be excludable from gross income under section 103,

“(B) such obligation is issued before January 1, 2011, and

“(C) the issuer makes an irrevocable election to have this section apply.

“(2) APPLICABLE RULES.—For purposes of applying paragraph (1)—

“(A) for purposes of section 149(b), a build America bond shall not be treated as federally guaranteed by reason of the credit allowed under subsection (a) or section 6431,

“(B) for purposes of section 148, the yield on a build America bond shall be determined without regard to the credit allowed under subsection (a), and

“(C) a bond shall not be treated as a build America bond if the issue price has more than a de minimis amount (determined under rules similar to the rules of section 1273(a)(3)) of premium over the stated principal amount of the bond.

“(e) INTEREST PAYMENT DATE.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘interest payment date’ means any date on which the holder of record of the build America bond is entitled to a payment of interest under such bond.

“(f) SPECIAL RULES.—

“(1) INTEREST ON BUILD AMERICA BONDS INCLUDIBLE IN GROSS INCOME FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES.—For purposes of this title, interest on any build America bond shall be includible in gross income.

“(2) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—Rules similar to the rules of subsections (f), (g), (h), and (i) of section 54A shall apply for purposes of the credit allowed under subsection (a).

“(g) SPECIAL RULE FOR QUALIFIED BONDS ISSUED BEFORE 2011.—In the case of a qualified bond issued before January 1, 2011—

“(1) ISSUER ALLOWED REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—In lieu of any credit allowed under this section with respect to such bond, the issuer of such bond shall be allowed a credit as provided in section 6431.

“(2) QUALIFIED BOND.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualified bond’ means any build America bond issued as part of an issue if—

“(A) 100 percent of the excess of—

“(i) the available project proceeds (as defined in section 54A) of such issue, over

“(ii) the amounts in a reasonably required reserve (within the meaning of section 150(a)(3)) with respect to such issue,

are to be used for capital expenditures, and

“(B) the issuer makes an irrevocable election to have this subsection apply.

“(h) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe such regulations and other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section and section 6431.”

(b) CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED BONDS ISSUED BEFORE 2011.—Subchapter B of chapter 65 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 6431. CREDIT FOR QUALIFIED BONDS ALLOWED TO ISSUER.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a qualified bond issued before January 1, 2011, the issuer of such bond shall be allowed a credit with respect to each interest payment under such bond which shall be payable by the Secretary as provided in subsection (b).

“(b) PAYMENT OF CREDIT.—The Secretary shall pay (contemporaneously with each interest payment date under such bond) to the issuer of such bond (or to any person who makes such interest payments on behalf of the issuer) 35 percent of the interest payable under such bond on such date.

“(c) APPLICATION OF ARBITRAGE RULES.—For purposes of section 148, the yield on a qualified bond shall be reduced by the credit allowed under this section.

“(d) INTEREST PAYMENT DATE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘interest payment date’ means each date on which interest is payable by the issuer under the terms of the bond.

“(e) QUALIFIED BOND.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualified bond’ has the meaning given such term in section 54A(g).”

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking “or 6428” and inserting “6428, or 6431.”

(2) Section 54A(c)(1)(B) is amended by striking “subpart C” and inserting “subparts C and J”.

(3) Sections 54(c)(2), 1397E(c)(2), and 1400N(l)(3)(B) are each amended by striking “and I” and inserting “, I, and J”.

(4) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) is amended by striking “and 6428” and inserting “6428, and 6431”.

(5) Section 6401(b)(1) is amended by striking “and I” and inserting “, I, and J”.

(6) The table of subparts for part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“SUBPART J. BUILD AMERICA BONDS.”

(7) The table of section for subchapter B of chapter 65 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 6431. Credit for qualified bonds allowed to issuer.”

(d) TRANSITIONAL COORDINATION WITH STATE LAW.—Except as otherwise provided by a State after the date of the enactment of this Act, the interest on any build America bond (as defined in section 54AA of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section) and the amount

of any credit determined under such section with respect to such bond shall be treated for purposes of the income tax laws of such State as being exempt from Federal income tax.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act.

PART V—REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPANIES ALLOWED TO PASS-THRU TAX CREDIT BOND CREDITS

SEC. 1541. REGULATED INVESTMENT COMPANIES ALLOWED TO PASS-THRU TAX CREDIT BOND CREDITS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Part I of subchapter M of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after section 853 the following new section:

“SEC. 853A. CREDITS FROM TAX CREDIT BONDS ALLOWED TO SHAREHOLDERS.

“(a) **GENERAL RULE.**—A regulated investment company—

“(1) which holds (directly or indirectly) one or more tax credit bonds on one or more applicable dates during the taxable year, and

“(2) which meets the requirements of section 852(a) for the taxable year, may elect the application of this section with respect to credits allowable to the investment company during such taxable year with respect to such bonds.

“(b) **EFFECT OF ELECTION.**—If the election provided in subsection (a) is in effect for any taxable year—

“(1) the regulated investment company shall not be allowed any credits to which subsection (a) applies for such taxable year,

“(2) the regulated investment company shall—
“(A) include in gross income (as interest) for such taxable year an amount equal to the amount that such investment company would have included in gross income with respect to such credits if this section did not apply, and
“(B) increase the amount of the dividends paid deduction for such taxable year by the amount of such income, and

“(3) each shareholder of such investment company shall—

“(A) include in gross income an amount equal to such shareholder’s proportionate share of the interest income attributable to such credits, and
“(B) be allowed the shareholder’s proportionate share of such credits against the tax imposed by this chapter.

“(c) **NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**—For purposes of subsection (b)(3), the shareholder’s proportionate share of—

“(1) credits described in subsection (a), and
“(2) gross income in respect of such credits, shall not exceed the amounts so designated by the regulated investment company in a written notice mailed to its shareholders not later than 60 days after the close of its taxable year.

“(d) **MANNER OF MAKING ELECTION AND NOTIFYING SHAREHOLDERS.**—The election provided in subsection (a) and the notice to shareholders required by subsection (c) shall be made in such manner as the Secretary may prescribe.

“(e) **DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.**—

“(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) **TAX CREDIT BOND.**—The term ‘tax credit bond’ means—

“(i) a qualified tax credit bond (as defined in section 54A(d)),

“(ii) a build America bond (as defined in section 54AA(d)), and

“(iii) any bond for which a credit is allowable under subpart H of part IV of subchapter A of this chapter.

“(B) **APPLICABLE DATE.**—The term ‘applicable date’ means—

“(i) in the case of a qualified tax credit bond or a bond described in subparagraph (A)(iii), any credit allowance date (as defined in section 54A(e)(1)), and

“(ii) in the case of a build America bond (as defined in section 54AA(d)), any interest payment date (as defined in section 54AA(e)).

“(2) **STRIPPED TAX CREDIT BONDS.**—If the ownership of a tax credit bond is separated from the credit with respect to such bond, subsection (a) shall be applied by reference to the instruments evidencing the entitlement to the credit rather than the tax credit bond.

“(f) **REGULATIONS, ETC.**—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this section, including methods for determining a shareholder’s proportionate share of credits.”

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Section 54(l) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively.

(2) Section 54A(h) is amended to read as follows:

“(h) **BONDS HELD BY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS.**—If any qualified tax credit bond is held by a real estate investment trust, the credit determined under subsection (a) shall be allowed to beneficiaries of such trust (and any gross income included under subsection (f) with respect to such credit shall be distributed to such beneficiaries) under procedures prescribed by the Secretary.”

(3) The table of sections for part I of subchapter M of chapter 1 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 853 the following new item:

“Sec. 853A. Credits from tax credit bonds allowed to shareholders.”

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle G—Other Provisions

SEC. 1601. APPLICATION OF CERTAIN LABOR STANDARDS TO PROJECTS FINANCED WITH CERTAIN TAX-FAVORED BONDS.

Subchapter IV of chapter 31 of the title 40, United States Code, shall apply to projects financed with the proceeds of—

(1) any new clean renewable energy bond (as defined in section 54C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) issued after the date of the enactment of this Act,

(2) any qualified energy conservation bond (as defined in section 54D of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) issued after the date of the enactment of this Act,

(3) any qualified zone academy bond (as defined in section 54E of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) issued after the date of the enactment of this Act,

(4) any qualified school construction bond (as defined in section 54F of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), and

(5) any recovery zone economic development bond (as defined in section 1400U-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

SEC. 1602. GRANTS TO STATES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSING PROJECTS IN LIEU OF LOW-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2009.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall make a grant to the housing credit agency of each State in an amount equal to such State’s low-income housing grant election amount.

(b) **LOW-INCOME HOUSING GRANT ELECTION AMOUNT.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘low-income housing grant election amount’ means, with respect to any State, such amount as the State may elect which does not exceed 85 percent of the product of—

(1) the sum of—

(A) 100 percent of the State housing credit ceiling for 2009 which is attributable to amounts described in clauses (i) and (iii) of section 42(h)(3)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) 40 percent of the State housing credit ceiling for 2009 which is attributable to amounts described in clauses (ii) and (iv) of such section, multiplied by

(2) 10.

(c) **SUBAWARDS FOR LOW-INCOME BUILDINGS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A State housing credit agency receiving a grant under this section shall use such grant to make subawards to finance the construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of qualified low-income buildings. A subaward under this section may be made to finance a qualified low-income building with or without an allocation under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, except that a State housing credit agency may make subawards to finance qualified low-income buildings without an allocation only if it makes a determination that such use will increase the total funds available to the State to build and rehabilitate affordable housing. In complying with such determination requirement, a State housing credit agency shall establish a process in which applicants that are allocated credits are required to demonstrate good faith efforts to obtain investment commitments for such credits before the agency makes such subawards.

(2) **SUBAWARDS SUBJECT TO SAME REQUIREMENTS AS LOW-INCOME HOUSING CREDIT ALLOCATIONS.**—Any such subaward with respect to any qualified low-income building shall be made in the same manner and shall be subject to the same limitations (including rent, income, and use restrictions on such building) as an allocation of housing credit dollar amount allocated by such State housing credit agency under section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, except that such subawards shall not be limited by, or otherwise affect (except as provided in subsection (h)(3)(J) of such section), the State housing credit ceiling applicable to such agency.

(3) **COMPLIANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT.**—The State housing credit agency shall perform asset management functions to ensure compliance with section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the long-term viability of buildings funded by any subaward under this section. The State housing credit agency may collect reasonable fees from a subaward recipient to cover expenses associated with the performance of its duties under this paragraph. The State housing credit agency may retain an agent or other private contractor to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.

(4) **RECAPTURE.**—The State housing credit agency shall impose conditions or restrictions, including a requirement providing for recapture, on any subaward under this section so as to assure that the building with respect to which such subaward is made remains a qualified low-income building during the compliance period. Any such recapture shall be payable to the Secretary of the Treasury for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury and may be enforced by means of liens or such other methods as the Secretary of the Treasury determines appropriate.

(d) **RETURN OF UNUSED GRANT FUNDS.**—Any grant funds not used to make subawards under this section before January 1, 2011, shall be returned to the Secretary of the Treasury on such date. Any subawards returned to the State housing credit agency on or after such date shall be promptly returned to the Secretary of the Treasury. Any amounts returned to the Secretary of the Treasury under this subsection shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—Any term used in this section which is also used in section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning for purposes of this section as when used in such section 42. Any reference in this section to the Secretary of the Treasury shall be treated as including the Secretary’s delegate.

(f) **APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 1603. GRANTS FOR SPECIFIED ENERGY PROPERTY IN LIEU OF TAX CREDITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon application, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, subject to the requirements of this section, provide a grant to each person who places in service specified energy property to reimburse such person for a portion of the expense of such property as provided in subsection (b). No grant shall be made under this section with respect to any property unless such property—

(1) is placed in service during 2009 or 2010, or
(2) is placed in service after 2010 and before the credit termination date with respect to such property, but only if the construction of such property began during 2009 or 2010.

(b) GRANT AMOUNT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of the grant under subsection (a) with respect to any specified energy property shall be the applicable percentage of the basis of such property.

(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term “applicable percentage” means—

(A) 30 percent in the case of any property described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (d), and

(B) 10 percent in the case of any other property.

(3) DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.—In the case of property described in paragraph (2), (6), or (7) of subsection (d), the amount of any grant under this section with respect to such property shall not exceed the limitation described in section 48(c)(1)(B), 48(c)(2)(B), or 48(c)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, respectively, with respect to such property.

(c) TIME FOR PAYMENT OF GRANT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall make payment of any grant under subsection (a) during the 60-day period beginning on the later of—

(1) the date of the application for such grant, or

(2) the date the specified energy property for which the grant is being made is placed in service.

(d) SPECIFIED ENERGY PROPERTY.—For purposes of this section, the term “specified energy property” means any of the following:

(1) QUALIFIED FACILITIES.—Any qualified property (as defined in section 48(a)(5)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) which is part of a qualified facility (within the meaning of section 45 of such Code) described in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (9), or (11) of section 45(d) of such Code.

(2) QUALIFIED FUEL CELL PROPERTY.—Any qualified fuel cell property (as defined in section 48(c)(1) of such Code).

(3) SOLAR PROPERTY.—Any property described in clause (i) or (ii) of section 48(a)(3)(A) of such Code.

(4) QUALIFIED SMALL WIND ENERGY PROPERTY.—Any qualified small wind energy property (as defined in section 48(c)(4) of such Code).

(5) GEOTHERMAL PROPERTY.—Any property described in clause (iii) of section 48(a)(3)(A) of such Code.

(6) QUALIFIED MICROTURBINE PROPERTY.—Any qualified microturbine property (as defined in section 48(c)(2) of such Code).

(7) COMBINED HEAT AND POWER SYSTEM PROPERTY.—Any combined heat and power system property (as defined in section 48(c)(3) of such Code).

(8) GEOTHERMAL HEAT PUMP PROPERTY.—Any property described in clause (vii) of section 48(a)(3)(A) of such Code.

Such term shall not include any property unless depreciation (or amortization in lieu of depreciation) is allowable with respect to such property.

(e) CREDIT TERMINATION DATE.—For purposes of this section, the term “credit termination date” means—

(1) in the case of any specified energy property which is part of a facility described in

paragraph (1) of section 45(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, January 1, 2013,

(2) in the case of any specified energy property which is part of a facility described in paragraph (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (9), or (11) of section 45(d) of such Code, January 1, 2014, and

(3) in the case of any specified energy property described in section 48 of such Code, January 1, 2017.

In the case of any property which is described in paragraph (3) and also in another paragraph of this subsection, paragraph (3) shall apply with respect to such property.

(f) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN RULES.—In making grants under this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall apply rules similar to the rules of section 50 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In applying such rules, if the property is disposed of, or otherwise ceases to be specified energy property, the Secretary of the Treasury shall provide for the recapture of the appropriate percentage of the grant amount in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury determines appropriate.

(g) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN NON-TAXPAYERS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall not make any grant under this section to—

(1) any Federal, State, or local government (or any political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof),

(2) any organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code,

(3) any entity referred to in paragraph (4) of section 54(j) of such Code, or

(4) any partnership or other pass-thru entity any partner (or other holder of an equity or profits interest) of which is described in paragraph (1), (2) or (3).

(h) DEFINITIONS.—Terms used in this section which are also used in section 45 or 48 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning for purposes of this section as when used in such section 45 or 48. Any reference in this section to the Secretary of the Treasury shall be treated as including the Secretary's delegate.

(i) APPROPRIATIONS.—There is hereby appropriated to the Secretary of the Treasury such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(j) TERMINATION.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall not make any grant to any person under this section unless the application of such person for such grant is received before October 1, 2011.

SEC. 1604. INCREASE IN PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.

Subsection (b) of section 3101 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking out the dollar limitation contained in such subsection and inserting “\$12,104,000,000,000”.

Subtitle H—Prohibition on Collection of Certain Payments Made Under the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000**SEC. 1701. PROHIBITION ON COLLECTION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS MADE UNDER THE CONTINUED DUMPING AND SUBSIDY OFFSET ACT OF 2000.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, neither the Secretary of Homeland Security nor any other person may—

(1) require repayment of, or attempt in any other way to recoup, any payments described in subsection (b); or

(2) offset any past, current, or future distributions of antidumping or countervailing duties assessed with respect to imports from countries that are not parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement in an attempt to recoup any payments described in subsection (b).

(b) PAYMENTS DESCRIBED.—Payments described in this subsection are payments of antidumping or countervailing duties made pursuant to the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000 (section 754 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675c; repealed by subtitle F of

title VII of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171; 120 Stat. 154)) that were—

(1) assessed and paid on imports of goods from countries that are parties to the North American Free Trade Agreement; and

(2) distributed on or after January 1, 2001, and before January 1, 2006.

(c) PAYMENT OF FUNDS COLLECTED OR WITHHELD.—Not later than the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall—

(1) refund any repayments, or any other recoupment, of payments described in subsection (b); and

(2) fully distribute any antidumping or countervailing duties that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection is withholding as an offset as described in subsection (a)(2).

(d) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the Secretary of Homeland Security, or any other person, from requiring repayment of, or attempting to otherwise recoup, any payments described in subsection (b) as a result of—

(1) a finding of false statements or other misconduct by a recipient of such a payment; or

(2) the relinquishment of an entry with respect to which such a payment was made.

Subtitle I—Trade Adjustment Assistance**SEC. 1800. SHORT TITLE.**

This subtitle may be cited as the “Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009”.

PART I—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS**Subpart A—Trade Adjustment Assistance for Service Sector Workers****SEC. 1801. EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE TO SERVICE SECTOR AND PUBLIC AGENCY WORKERS; SHIFTS IN PRODUCTION.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 247 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2319) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking “or appropriate subdivision of a firm”; and

(B) by striking “or subdivision”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “employment—” and all that follows and inserting “employment, has been totally or partially separated from such employment.”;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

“(3) Subject to section 222(d)(5), the term ‘firm’ means—

“(A) a firm, including an agricultural firm, service sector firm, or public agency; or

“(B) an appropriate subdivision thereof.”;

(4) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) The term ‘public agency’ means a department or agency of a State or local government or of the Federal Government, or a subdivision thereof.”;

(5) in paragraph (11), by striking “, or in a subdivision of which,”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(18) The term ‘service sector firm’ means a firm engaged in the business of supplying services.”.

(b) GROUP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) by amending subparagraph (A)(ii) to read as follows:

“(ii)(I) imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased;

“(II) imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles—

“(aa) into which one or more component parts produced by such firm are directly incorporated, or

“(bb) which are produced directly using services supplied by such firm, have increased; or

“(III) imports of articles directly incorporating one or more component parts produced outside the United States that are like or directly competitive with imports of articles incorporating one or more component parts produced by such firm have increased; and”;

(B) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as follows:

“(B)(i)(I) there has been a shift by such workers’ firm to a foreign country in the production of articles or the supply of services like or directly competitive with articles which are produced or services which are supplied by such firm; or

“(ii) such workers’ firm has acquired from a foreign country articles or services that are like or directly competitive with articles which are produced or services which are supplied by such firm; and

“(ii) the shift described in clause (i)(I) or the acquisition of articles or services described in clause (i)(II) contributed importantly to such workers’ separation or threat of separation.”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

“(b) ADVERSELY AFFECTED WORKERS IN PUBLIC AGENCIES.—A group of workers in a public agency shall be certified by the Secretary as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this chapter pursuant to a petition filed under section 221 if the Secretary determines that—

“(1) a significant number or proportion of the workers in the public agency have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

“(2) the public agency has acquired from a foreign country services like or directly competitive with services which are supplied by such agency; and

“(3) the acquisition of services described in paragraph (2) contributed importantly to such workers’ separation or threat of separation.”.

(c) BASIS FOR SECRETARY’S DETERMINATIONS.—Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) BASIS FOR SECRETARY’S DETERMINATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, in determining whether to certify a group of workers under section 223, obtain from the workers’ firm, or a customer of the workers’ firm, information the Secretary determines to be necessary to make the certification, through questionnaires and in such other manner as the Secretary determines appropriate.

“(2) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The Secretary may seek additional information to determine whether to certify a group of workers under subsection (a), (b), or (c)—

“(A) by contacting—

“(i) officials or employees of the workers’ firm;

“(ii) officials of customers of the workers’ firm;

“(iii) officials of certified or recognized unions or other duly authorized representatives of the group of workers; or

“(iv) one-stop operators or one-stop partners (as defined in section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801)); or

“(B) by using other available sources of information.

“(3) VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION.—

“(A) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall require a firm or customer to certify—

“(i) all information obtained under paragraph (1) from the firm or customer (as the case may be) through questionnaires; and

“(ii) all other information obtained under paragraph (1) from the firm or customer (as the case may be) on which the Secretary relies in making a determination under section 223, unless the Secretary has a reasonable basis for determining that such information is accurate and complete without being certified.

“(B) USE OF SUBPOENAS.—The Secretary shall require the workers’ firm or a customer of the

workers’ firm to provide information requested by the Secretary under paragraph (1) by subpoena pursuant to section 249 if the firm or customer (as the case may be) fails to provide the information within 20 days after the date of the Secretary’s request, unless the firm or customer (as the case may be) demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary that the firm or customer (as the case may be) will provide the information within a reasonable period of time.

“(C) PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—The Secretary may not release information obtained under paragraph (1) that the Secretary considers to be confidential business information unless the firm or customer (as the case may be) submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that the information would be released by the Secretary, or the firm or customer (as the case may be) subsequently consents to the release of the information. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from providing such confidential business information to a court in camera or to another party under a protective order issued by a court.”.

(d) PENALTIES.—Section 244 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2316) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 244. PENALTIES.

“Any person who—

“(1) makes a false statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, for the purpose of obtaining or increasing for that person or for any other person any payment authorized to be furnished under this chapter or pursuant to an agreement under section 239, or

“(2) makes a false statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, when providing information to the Secretary during an investigation of a petition under section 221,

shall be imprisoned for not more than one year, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both.”.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “Secretary” and inserting “Secretary of Labor”; and

(II) by striking “or subdivision” and inserting “(as defined in section 247)”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(including workers in an agricultural firm or subdivision of any agricultural firm)”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “rapid response assistance” and inserting “rapid response activities”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and on the website of the Department of Labor” after “Federal Register”.

(2) Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272), as amended, is further amended—

(A) by striking “(including workers in any agricultural firm or subdivision of an agricultural firm)” each place it appears;

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking “, or an appropriate subdivision of the firm,”; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “or subdivision” each place it appears;

(C) in subsection (c) (as redesignated)—

(i) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking “(or subdivision)” each place it appears;

(II) by inserting “or service” after “the article”; and

(III) by striking “(c) (3)” and inserting “(d) (3)”; and

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “(or subdivision)” each place it appears; and

(D) in subsection (d) (as redesignated)—

(i) by striking “For purposes” and inserting “DEFINITIONS.—For purposes”;

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “, or appropriate subdivision of a firm,” each place it appears;

(iii) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

“(3) DOWNSTREAM PRODUCER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘downstream producer’ means a firm that performs additional, value-added production processes or services directly for another firm for articles or services with respect to which a group of workers in such other firm has been certified under subsection (a).

“(B) VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTION PROCESSES OR SERVICES.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), value-added production processes or services include final assembly, finishing, testing, packaging, or maintenance or transportation services.”;

(iv) in paragraph (4)—

(I) by striking “(or subdivision)”; and

(II) by inserting “, or services, used in the production of articles or in the supply of services, as the case may be,” after “for articles”; and

(v) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) REFERENCE TO FIRM.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term ‘firm’ does not include a public agency.”.

(3) Section 231(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2291(a)(2)) is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “or subdivision of a firm”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or subdivision”.

SEC. 1802. SEPARATE BASIS FOR CERTIFICATION.

Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) FIRMS IDENTIFIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a group of workers covered by a petition filed under section 221 shall be certified under subsection (a) as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this chapter if—

“(1) the workers’ firm is publicly identified by name by the International Trade Commission as a member of a domestic industry in an investigation resulting in—

“(A) an affirmative determination of serious injury or threat thereof under section 202(b)(1);

“(B) an affirmative determination of market disruption or threat thereof under section 421(b)(1); or

“(C) an affirmative final determination of material injury or threat thereof under section 705(b)(1)(A) or 735(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)(1)(A) and 1673d(b)(1)(A));

“(2) the petition is filed during the one-year period beginning on the date on which—

“(A) a summary of the report submitted to the President by the International Trade Commission under section 202(f)(1) with respect to the affirmative determination described in paragraph (1)(A) is published in the Federal Register under section 202(f)(3); or

“(B) notice of an affirmative determination described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (1) is published in the Federal Register; and

“(3) the workers have become totally or partially separated from the workers’ firm within—

“(A) the one-year period described in paragraph (2); or

“(B) notwithstanding section 223(b), the one-year period preceding the one-year period described in paragraph (2).”.

SEC. 1803. DETERMINATIONS BY SECRETARY OF LABOR.

Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “or appropriate subdivision of the firm before his application” and all that follows and inserting “before the worker’s application under section 231 occurred more than one year before the date of the

petition on which such certification was granted.”;

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “together with his reasons” and inserting “and on the website of the Department of Labor, together with the Secretary’s reasons”;

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking “or subdivision of the firm” and all that follows through “he shall” and inserting “, that total or partial separations from such firm are no longer attributable to the conditions specified in section 222, the Secretary shall”; and

(B) by striking “together with his reasons” and inserting “and on the website of the Department of Labor, together with the Secretary’s reasons”;

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) STANDARDS FOR INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish standards, including data requirements, for investigations of petitions filed under section 221 and criteria for making determinations under subsection (a).

“(2) CONSULTATIONS.—Not less than 90 days before issuing a final rule with respect to the standards required under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives with respect to such rule.”.

SEC. 1804. MONITORING AND REPORTING RELATING TO SERVICE SECTOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 282 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2393) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “**SYSTEM**” and inserting “**AND DATA COLLECTION**”;

(2) in the first sentence—

(A) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “(a) MONITORING PROGRAMS.—The Secretary”;

(B) by inserting “and services” after “imports of articles”;

(C) by inserting “and domestic supply of services” after “domestic production”;

(D) by inserting “or supplying services” after “producing articles”;

(E) by inserting “, or supply of services,” after “changes in production”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) COLLECTION OF DATA AND REPORTS ON SERVICE SECTOR.—

“(1) SECRETARY OF LABOR.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Labor shall implement a system to collect data on adversely affected workers employed in the service sector that includes the number of workers by State and industry, and by the cause of the dislocation of each worker, as identified in the certification.

“(2) SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.—Not later than 1 year after such date of enactment, the Secretary of Commerce shall, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor, conduct a study and submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report on ways to improve the timeliness and coverage of data on trade in services, including methods to identify increased imports due to the relocation of United States firms to foreign countries, and increased imports due to United States firms acquiring services from firms in foreign countries.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item relating to section 282 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 282. Trade monitoring and data collection.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subpart B—Industry Notifications Following Certain Affirmative Determinations

SEC. 1811. NOTIFICATIONS FOLLOWING CERTAIN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 224 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2274) is amended—

(1) by amending the heading to read as follows:

“**SEC. 224. STUDY AND NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATIONS; INDUSTRY NOTIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE.**”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “Whenever” and inserting “STUDY OF DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.—Whenever”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “The report” and inserting “REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.—The report”;

(B) by inserting “and on the website of the Department of Labor” after “Federal Register”;

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(c) NOTIFICATIONS FOLLOWING AFFIRMATIVE GLOBAL SAFEGUARD DETERMINATIONS.—Upon making an affirmative determination under section 202(b)(1), the Commission shall promptly notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce and, in the case of a determination with respect to an agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture, of the determination.

“(d) NOTIFICATIONS FOLLOWING AFFIRMATIVE BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL SAFEGUARD DETERMINATIONS.—

“(1) NOTIFICATIONS OF DETERMINATIONS OF MARKET DISRUPTION.—Upon making an affirmative determination under section 421(b)(1), the Commission shall promptly notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce and, in the case of a determination with respect to an agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture, of the determination.

“(2) NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING TRADE AGREEMENT SAFEGUARDS.—Upon making an affirmative determination in a proceeding initiated under an applicable safeguard provision (other than a provision described in paragraph (3)) that is enacted to implement a trade agreement to which the United States is a party, the Commission shall promptly notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce and, in the case of a determination with respect to an agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture, of the determination.

“(3) NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING TEXTILE AND APPAREL SAFEGUARDS.—Upon making an affirmative determination in a proceeding initiated under any safeguard provision relating to textile and apparel articles that is enacted to implement a trade agreement to which the United States is a party, the President shall promptly notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce of the determination.

“(e) NOTIFICATIONS FOLLOWING CERTAIN AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930.—Upon making an affirmative determination under section 705(b)(1)(A) or 735(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)(1)(A) and 1673d(b)(1)(A)), the Commission shall promptly notify the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Commerce and, in the case of a determination with respect to an agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture, of the determination.

“(f) INDUSTRY NOTIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE.—Upon receiving a notification of a determination under subsection (c), (d), or (e) with respect to a domestic industry—

“(1) the Secretary of Labor shall—

“(A) notify the representatives of the domestic industry affected by the determination, firms publicly identified by name during the course of the proceeding relating to the determination, and any certified or recognized union or, to the extent practicable, other duly authorized representative of workers employed by such representatives of the domestic industry, of—

“(i) the allowances, training, employment services, and other benefits available under this chapter;

“(ii) the manner in which to file a petition and apply for such benefits; and

“(iii) the availability of assistance in filing such petitions;

“(B) notify the Governor of each State in which one or more firms in the industry de-

scribed in subparagraph (A) are located of the Commission’s determination and the identity of the firms; and

“(C) upon request, provide any assistance that is necessary to file a petition under section 221;

“(2) the Secretary of Commerce shall—

“(A) notify the representatives of the domestic industry affected by the determination and any firms publicly identified by name during the course of the proceeding relating to the determination of—

“(i) the benefits available under chapter 3;

“(ii) the manner in which to file a petition and apply for such benefits; and

“(iii) the availability of assistance in filing such petitions; and

“(B) upon request, provide any assistance that is necessary to file a petition under section 251; and

“(3) in the case of an affirmative determination based upon imports of an agricultural commodity, the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

“(A) notify representatives of the domestic industry affected by the determination and any agricultural commodity producers publicly identified by name during the course of the proceeding relating to the determination of—

“(i) the benefits available under chapter 6;

“(ii) the manner in which to file a petition and apply for such benefits; and

“(iii) the availability of assistance in filing such petitions; and

“(B) upon request, provide any assistance that is necessary to file a petition under section 292.

“(g) REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DOMESTIC INDUSTRY.—For purposes of subsection (f), the term ‘representatives of the domestic industry’ means the persons that petitioned for relief in connection with—

“(1) a proceeding under section 202 or 421 of this Act;

“(2) a proceeding under section 702(b) or 732(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b) and 1673d(b)); or

“(3) any safeguard investigation described in subsection (d)(2) or (d)(3).”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item relating to section 224 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 224. Study and notifications regarding certain affirmative determinations; industry notification of assistance.”.

SEC. 1812. NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

Section 225 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2275) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) Upon issuing a certification under section 223, the Secretary shall notify the Secretary of Commerce of the identity of each firm covered by the certification.”.

Subpart C—Program Benefits

SEC. 1821. QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 231(a)(5)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2291(a)(5)(A)(ii)) is amended—

(1) by striking subclauses (I) and (II) and inserting the following:

“(I) in the case of a worker whose most recent total separation from adversely affected employment that meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) occurs after the date on which the Secretary issues a certification covering the worker, the last day of the 26th week after such total separation,

“(II) in the case of a worker whose most recent total separation from adversely affected employment that meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (2) occurs before the date on which the Secretary issues a certification covering the worker, the last day of the 26th week after the date of such certification.”;

(2) in subclause (III)—

(A) by striking “later of the dates specified in subclause (I) or (II)” and inserting “date specified in subclause (I) or (II), as the case may be”; and

(B) by striking “or” at the end;

(3) by redesignating subclause (IV) as subclause (V); and

(4) by inserting after subclause (III) the following:

“(IV) in the case of a worker who fails to enroll by the date required by subclause (I), (II), or (III), as the case may be, due to the failure to provide the worker with timely information regarding the date specified in such subclause, the last day of a period determined by the Secretary, or”.

(b) **WAIVERS OF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**—Section 231(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2291(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(B)—

(A) by striking “The worker possesses” and inserting the following:

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The worker possesses”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(ii) **MARKETABLE SKILLS DEFINED.**—For purposes of clause (i), the term “marketable skills” may include the possession of a postgraduate degree from an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or an equivalent institution, or the possession of an equivalent postgraduate certification in a specialized field.”;

(2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “A waiver” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (3)(B), a waiver”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Pursuant to an agreement under section 239, the Secretary may authorize a” and inserting “An agreement under section 239 shall authorize a”;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) **REVIEW OF WAIVERS.**—An agreement under section 239 shall require a cooperating State to review each waiver issued by the State under subparagraph (A), (B), (D), (E), or (F) of paragraph (1)—

“(i) 3 months after the date on which the State issues the waiver; and

“(ii) on a monthly basis thereafter.”.

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Section 231 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2291), as amended, is further amended—

(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “more than 60 days” and all that follows through “section 221” and inserting “on or after the date of such certification”; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking paragraph (2); and

(ii) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by striking “(1)”;

(II) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively;

(III) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

(IV) by redesignating subclauses (I) and (II) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

(2) Section 233 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2293) is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (b); and

(B) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g) as subsections (b) through (f), respectively.

SEC. 1822. WEEKLY AMOUNTS.

Section 232 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2292) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “subsections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections (b), (c), and (d)”;

(B) by striking “total unemployment” the first place it appears and inserting “unemployment”; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by inserting before the period the following: “, except that in the case

of an adversely affected worker who is participating in training under this chapter, such income shall not include earnings from work for such week that are equal to or less than the most recent weekly benefit amount of the unemployment insurance payable to the worker for a week of total unemployment preceding the worker’s first exhaustion of unemployment insurance (as determined for purposes of section 231(a)(3)(B))”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **ELECTION OF TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE OR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE.**—Notwithstanding section 231(a)(3)(B), an adversely affected worker may elect to receive a trade readjustment allowance instead of unemployment insurance during any week with respect to which the worker—

“(1) is entitled to receive unemployment insurance as a result of the establishment by the worker of a new benefit year under State law, based in whole or in part upon part-time or short-term employment in which the worker engaged after the worker’s most recent total separation from adversely affected employment; and

“(2) is otherwise entitled to a trade readjustment allowance.”.

SEC. 1823. LIMITATIONS ON TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCES; ALLOWANCES FOR EXTENDED TRAINING AND BREAKS IN TRAINING.

Section 233(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2293(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “under paragraph (1)” after “trade readjustment allowance”; and

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking “training approved for him” and inserting “a training program approved for the worker”;

(ii) by striking “52 additional weeks” and inserting “78 additional weeks”; and

(iii) by striking “52-week” and inserting “91-week”; and

(B) in the matter following subparagraph (B), by striking “52-week” and inserting “91-week”.

SEC. 1824. SPECIAL RULES FOR CALCULATION OF ELIGIBILITY PERIOD.

Section 233 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2293), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) **SPECIAL RULE FOR CALCULATING SEPARATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, any period during which a judicial or administrative appeal is pending with respect to the denial by the Secretary of a petition under section 223 shall not be counted for purposes of calculating the period of separation under subsection (a)(2).

“(h) **SPECIAL RULE FOR JUSTIFIABLE CAUSE.**—If the Secretary determines that there is justifiable cause, the Secretary may extend the period during which trade readjustment allowances are payable to an adversely affected worker under paragraphs (2) and (3) of subsection (a) (but not the maximum amounts of such allowances that are payable under this section).

“(i) **SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY SERVICE.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the Secretary may waive any requirement of this chapter that the Secretary determines is necessary to ensure that an adversely affected worker who is a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces and serves a period of duty described in paragraph (2) is eligible to receive a trade readjustment allowance, training, and other benefits under this chapter in the same manner and to the same extent as if the worker had not served the period of duty.

“(2) **PERIOD OF DUTY DESCRIBED.**—An adversely affected worker serves a period of duty described in this paragraph if, before completing training under section 236, the worker—

“(A) serves on active duty for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days; or

“(B) in the case of a member of the Army National Guard of the United States or Air National Guard of the United States, performs full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, for 30 consecutive days or more when authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense for the purpose of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds.”.

SEC. 1825. APPLICATION OF STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON GOOD CAUSE FOR WAIVER OF TIME LIMITS OR LATE FILING OF CLAIMS.

Section 234 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2294) is amended—

(1) by striking “Except where inconsistent” and inserting “(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except where inconsistent”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) **SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS ON GOOD CAUSE FOR WAIVER OF TIME LIMITS OR LATE FILING OF CLAIMS.**—Any law, regulation, policy, or practice of a cooperating State that allows for a waiver for good cause of any time limitation relating to the administration of the State unemployment insurance law shall, in the administration of the program under this chapter by the State, apply to any time limitation with respect to an application for a trade readjustment allowance or enrollment in training under this chapter.”.

SEC. 1826. EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 235 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2295) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 235. EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.**

“The Secretary shall make available, directly or through agreements with States under section 239, to adversely affected workers and adversely affected incumbent workers covered by a certification under subchapter A of this chapter the following employment and case management services:

“(1) Comprehensive and specialized assessment of skill levels and service needs, including through—

“(A) diagnostic testing and use of other assessment tools; and

“(B) in-depth interviewing and evaluation to identify employment barriers and appropriate employment goals.

“(2) Development of an individual employment plan to identify employment goals and objectives, and appropriate training to achieve those goals and objectives.

“(3) Information on training available in local and regional areas, information on individual counseling to determine which training is suitable training, and information on how to apply for such training.

“(4) Information on how to apply for financial aid, including referring workers to educational opportunity centers described in section 402F of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a-16), where applicable, and notifying workers that the workers may request financial aid administrators at institutions of higher education (as defined in section 102 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1002)) to use the administrators’ discretion under section 479A of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087t) to use current year income data, rather than preceding year income data, for determining the amount of need of the workers for Federal financial assistance under title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.).

“(5) Short-term prevocational services, including development of learning skills, communications skills, interviewing skills, punctuality, personal maintenance skills, and professional conduct to prepare individuals for employment or training.

“(6) Individual career counseling, including job search and placement counseling, during the period in which the individual is receiving a trade adjustment allowance or training under

this chapter, and after receiving such training for purposes of job placement.

“(7) Provision of employment statistics information, including the provision of accurate information relating to local, regional, and national labor market areas, including—

“(A) job vacancy listings in such labor market areas;

“(B) information on jobs skills necessary to obtain jobs identified in job vacancy listings described in subparagraph (A);

“(C) information relating to local occupations that are in demand and earnings potential of such occupations; and

“(D) skills requirements for local occupations described in subparagraph (C).

“(8) Information relating to the availability of supportive services, including services relating to child care, transportation, dependent care, housing assistance, and need-related payments that are necessary to enable an individual to participate in training.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item relating to section 235 and inserting the following:

“235. Employment and case management services.”

SEC. 1827. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part II of subchapter B of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2295 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 235 the following:

“SEC. 235A. FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

“(a) FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any funds made available to a State to carry out section 236 for a fiscal year, the State shall receive for the fiscal year a payment in an amount that is equal to 15 percent of the amount of such funds.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a payment under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) use not more than 2/3 of such payment for the administration of the trade adjustment assistance for workers program under this chapter, including for—

“(i) processing waivers of training requirements under section 231;

“(ii) collecting, validating, and reporting data required under this chapter; and

“(iii) providing reemployment trade adjustment assistance under section 246; and

“(B) use not less than 1/3 of such payment for employment and case management services under section 235.

“(b) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any funds made available to a State to carry out section 236 and the payment under subsection (a)(1) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall provide to the State for the fiscal year a payment in the amount of \$350,000.

“(2) USE OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a payment under paragraph (1) shall use such payment for the purpose of providing employment and case management services under section 235.

“(3) VOLUNTARY RETURN OF FUNDS.—A State that receives a payment under paragraph (1) may decline or otherwise return such payment to the Secretary.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 235 the following:

“Sec. 235A. Funding for administrative expenses and employment and case management services.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1828. TRAINING FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 236(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2)(A) The total amount of payments that may be made under paragraph (1) shall not exceed—

“(i) for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010, \$575,000,000; and

“(ii) for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, \$143,750,000.

“(B)(i) The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after the beginning of each fiscal year, make an initial distribution of the funds made available to carry out this section, in accordance with the requirements of subparagraph (C).

“(ii) The Secretary shall ensure that not less than 90 percent of the funds made available to carry out this section for a fiscal year are distributed to the States by not later than July 15 of that fiscal year.

“(C)(i) In making the initial distribution of funds pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall hold in reserve 35 percent of the funds made available to carry out this section for that fiscal year for additional distributions during the remainder of the fiscal year.

“(ii) Subject to clause (iii), in determining how to apportion the initial distribution of funds pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) in a fiscal year, the Secretary shall take into account, with respect to each State—

“(I) the trend in the number of workers covered by certifications of eligibility under this chapter during the most recent 4 consecutive calendar quarters for which data are available;

“(II) the trend in the number of workers participating in training under this section during the most recent 4 consecutive calendar quarters for which data are available;

“(III) the number of workers estimated to be participating in training under this section during the fiscal year;

“(IV) the amount of funding estimated to be necessary to provide training approved under this section to such workers during the fiscal year; and

“(V) such other factors as the Secretary considers appropriate relating to the provision of training under this section.

“(iii) In no case may the amount of the initial distribution to a State pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i) in a fiscal year be less than 25 percent of the initial distribution to the State in the preceding fiscal year.

“(D) The Secretary shall establish procedures for the distribution of the funds that remain available for the fiscal year after the initial distribution required under subparagraph (B)(i). Such procedures may include the distribution of funds pursuant to requests submitted by States in need of such funds.

“(E) If, during a fiscal year, the Secretary estimates that the amount of funds necessary to pay the costs of training approved under this section will exceed the dollar amount limitation specified in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall decide how the amount of funds made available to carry out this section that have not been distributed at the time of the estimate will be apportioned among the States for the remainder of the fiscal year.”

(b) DETERMINATIONS REGARDING TRAINING.—Section 236(a)(9) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(9)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B)(i) In determining under paragraph (1)(E) whether a worker is qualified to undertake and complete training, the Secretary may approve training for a period longer than the worker’s period of eligibility for trade readjustment allowances under part I if the worker demonstrates a financial ability to complete the

training after the expiration of the worker’s period of eligibility for such trade readjustment allowances.

“(ii) In determining the reasonable cost of training under paragraph (1)(F) with respect to a worker, the Secretary may consider whether other public or private funds are reasonably available to the worker, except that the Secretary may not require a worker to obtain such funds as a condition of approval of training under paragraph (1).”

(c) REGULATIONS.—Section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(g) REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO APPORTIONMENT OF TRAINING FUNDS TO STATES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection (a)(2).

“(2) CONSULTATIONS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives not less than 90 days before issuing any regulation pursuant to paragraph (1).”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, except that—

(1) subparagraph (A) of section 236(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by subsection (a) of this section, shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) subparagraphs (B), (C), and (D) of such section 236(a)(2) shall take effect on October 1, 2009.

SEC. 1829. PREREQUISITE EDUCATION; APPROVED TRAINING PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 236(a)(5) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(5)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of clause (i);

(B) by adding “and” at the end of clause (ii); and

(C) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

“(iii) apprenticeship programs registered under the Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the ‘National Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.);”

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) and (F) as subparagraphs (F) and (G), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (D) the following:

“(E) any program of prerequisite education or coursework required to enroll in training that may be approved under this section;”

(4) in subparagraph (F)(ii), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the end;

(5) in subparagraph (G), as redesignated by paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting “, and”; and

(6) by adding at the end the following:

“(H) any training program or coursework at an accredited institution of higher education (described in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), including a training program or coursework for the purpose of—

“(i) obtaining a degree or certification; or

“(ii) completing a degree or certification that the worker had previously begun at an accredited institution of higher education.

The Secretary may not limit approval of a training program under paragraph (1) to a program provided pursuant to title I of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.).”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 233 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2293) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting “prerequisite education or” after “requires a program of”; and

(2) in subsection (f) (as redesignated by section 1821(c) of this subtitle), by inserting “prerequisite education or” after “includes a program of”.

(c) **TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**—Section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), in the flush text, by striking “his behalf” and inserting “the worker’s behalf”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “this paragraph (1)” and inserting “paragraph (1)”; and (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “, and” and inserting a period.

SEC. 1830. PRE-LAYOFF AND PART-TIME TRAINING.

(a) **PRE-LAYOFF TRAINING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 236(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting after “determines” the following: “, with respect to an adversely affected worker or an adversely affected incumbent worker,”;

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) in subparagraphs (A) and (B), by inserting “or an adversely affected incumbent worker” after “an adversely affected worker” each place it appears; and

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or adversely affected incumbent worker” after “adversely affected worker” each place it appears;

(C) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “The training programs” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (10), the training programs”;

(D) in paragraph (6)(B), by inserting “or adversely affected incumbent worker” after “adversely affected worker”;

(E) in paragraph (7)(B), by inserting “or adversely affected incumbent worker” after “adversely affected worker”;

(F) by inserting after paragraph (9) the following:

“(10) In the case of an adversely affected incumbent worker, the Secretary may not approve—

“(A) on-the-job training under paragraph (5)(A)(i); or

“(B) customized training under paragraph (5)(A)(ii), unless such training is for a position other than the worker’s adversely affected employment.

“(11) If the Secretary determines that an adversely affected incumbent worker for whom the Secretary approved training under this section is no longer threatened with a total or partial separation, the Secretary shall terminate the approval of such training.”.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 247 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2319), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(19) The term “adversely affected incumbent worker” means a worker who—

“(A) is a member of a group of workers who have been certified as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under subchapter A;

“(B) has not been totally or partially separated from adversely affected employment; and

“(C) the Secretary determines, on an individual basis, is threatened with total or partial separation.”.

(b) **PART-TIME TRAINING.**—Section 236 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) **PART-TIME TRAINING.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may approve full-time or part-time training for a worker under subsection (a).

“(2) **LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a worker participating in part-time training approved under subsection (a) may not receive a trade readjustment allowance under section 231.”.

SEC. 1831. ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 236(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(c)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (10) as subparagraphs (A) through (J) and moving such subparagraphs 2 ems to the right;

(2) by striking “(c) The Secretary shall” and all that follows through “such costs,” and inserting the following:

“(c) **ON-THE-JOB TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may approve on-the-job training for any adversely affected worker if—

“(A) the worker meets the requirements for training to be approved under subsection (a)(1);

“(B) the Secretary determines that on-the-job training—

“(i) can reasonably be expected to lead to suitable employment with the employer offering the on-the-job training;

“(ii) is compatible with the skills of the worker;

“(iii) includes a curriculum through which the worker will gain the knowledge or skills to become proficient in the job for which the worker is being trained; and

“(iv) can be measured by benchmarks that indicate that the worker is gaining such knowledge or skills; and

“(C) the State determines that the on-the-job training program meets the requirements of clauses (iii) and (iv) of subparagraph (B).

“(2) **MONTHLY PAYMENTS.**—The Secretary shall pay the costs of on-the-job training approved under paragraph (1) in monthly installments.

“(3) **CONTRACTS FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall ensure, in entering into a contract with an employer to provide on-the-job training to a worker under this subsection, that the skill requirements of the job for which the worker is being trained, the academic and occupational skill level of the worker, and the work experience of the worker are taken into consideration.

“(B) **TERM OF CONTRACT.**—Training under any such contract shall be limited to the period of time required for the worker receiving on-the-job training to become proficient in the job for which the worker is being trained, but may not exceed 104 weeks in any case.

“(4) **EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYERS.**—The Secretary shall not enter into a contract for on-the-job training with an employer that exhibits a pattern of failing to provide workers receiving on-the-job training from the employer with—

“(A) continued, long-term employment as regular employees; and

“(B) wages, benefits, and working conditions that are equivalent to the wages, benefits, and working conditions provided to regular employees who have worked a similar period of time and are doing the same type of work as workers receiving on-the-job training from the employer.

“(5) **LABOR STANDARDS.**—The Secretary may pay the costs of on-the-job training,”; and

(3) in paragraph (5), as redesignated—

(A) in subparagraph (1), as redesignated by paragraph (1) of this section, by striking “paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6)” and inserting “subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), (D), (E), and (F)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (J), as redesignated by paragraph (1) of this section, by striking “paragraph (8)” and inserting “subparagraph (H)”.

(b) **REPEAL OF PREFERENCE FOR TRAINING ON THE JOB.**—Section 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(a)(1)) is amended by striking the last sentence.

SEC. 1832. ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND PROGRAM BENEFITS WHILE IN TRAINING.

Section 236(d) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2296(d)) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) **ELIGIBILITY.**—An adversely affected worker may not be determined to be ineligible or disqualified for unemployment insurance or program benefits under this subchapter—

“(1) because the worker—

“(A) is enrolled in training approved under subsection (a);

“(B) left work—

“(i) that was not suitable employment in order to enroll in such training; or

“(ii) that the worker engaged in on a temporary basis during a break in such training or a delay in the commencement of such training; or

“(C) left on-the-job training not later than 30 days after commencing such training because the training did not meet the requirements of subsection (c)(1)(B); or

“(2) because of the application to any such week in training of the provisions of State law or Federal unemployment insurance law relating to availability for work, active search for work, or refusal to accept work.”.

SEC. 1833. JOB SEARCH AND RELOCATION ALLOWANCES.

(a) **JOB SEARCH ALLOWANCES.**—Section 237 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2297) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(C)(ii), by striking “, unless the worker received a waiver under section 231(c)”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “90 percent of the cost of” and inserting “all”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$1,250” and inserting “\$1,500”.

(b) **RELOCATION ALLOWANCES.**—Section 238 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2298) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(E)(ii), by striking “, unless the worker received a waiver under section 231(c)”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “90 percent of the” and inserting “all”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$1,250” and inserting “\$1,500”.

Subpart D—Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

SEC. 1841. REEMPLOYMENT TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2318) is amended—

(1) by amending the heading to read as follows:

“SEC. 246. REEMPLOYMENT TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.”;

(2) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking “Not later than” and all that follows through “2002, the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”; and

(ii) by striking “an alternative trade adjustment assistance program for older workers” and inserting “a reemployment trade adjustment assistance program”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking “for a period not to exceed 2 years” and inserting “for the eligibility period under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (4) (as the case may be)”; and

(II) by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the following:

“(i) the wages received by the worker at the time of separation; and

“(ii) the wages received by the worker from reemployment.”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B)—

(I) by striking “for a period not to exceed 2 years” and inserting “for the eligibility period under subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (4) (as the case may be)”; and

(II) by striking “, as added by section 201 of the Trade Act of 2002”; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(C) **TRAINING AND OTHER SERVICES.**—A worker described in paragraph (3)(B) participating in the program established under paragraph (1) is eligible to receive training approved under section 236 and employment and case management services under section 235.”; and

(C) by striking paragraphs (3) through (5) and inserting the following:

“(3) **ELIGIBILITY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—A group of workers certified under subchapter A as eligible for adjustment assistance under subchapter A is eligible

for benefits described in paragraph (2) under the program established under paragraph (1).

“(B) INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY.—A worker in a group of workers described in subparagraph (A) may elect to receive benefits described in paragraph (2) under the program established under paragraph (1) if the worker—

“(i) is at least 50 years of age;

“(ii) earns not more than \$55,000 each year in wages from reemployment;

“(iii) (I) is employed on a full-time basis as defined by the law of the State in which the worker is employed and is not enrolled in a training program approved under section 236; or

“(II) is employed at least 20 hours per week and is enrolled in a training program approved under section 236; and

“(iv) is not employed at the firm from which the worker was separated.

“(4) ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR PAYMENTS.—

“(A) WORKER WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE.—In the case of a worker described in paragraph (3)(B) who has not received a trade readjustment allowance under part I of subchapter B pursuant to the certification described in paragraph (3)(A), the worker may receive benefits described in paragraph (2) for a period not to exceed 2 years beginning on the earlier of—

“(i) the date on which the worker exhausts all rights to unemployment insurance based on the separation of the worker from the adversely affected employment that is the basis of the certification; or

“(ii) the date on which the worker obtains reemployment described in paragraph (3)(B).

“(B) WORKER WHO HAS RECEIVED TRADE READJUSTMENT ALLOWANCE.—In the case of a worker described in paragraph (3)(B) who has received a trade readjustment allowance under part I of subchapter B pursuant to the certification described in paragraph (3)(A), the worker may receive benefits described in paragraph (2) for a period of 104 weeks beginning on the date on which the worker obtains reemployment described in paragraph (3)(B), reduced by the total number of weeks for which the worker received such trade readjustment allowance.

“(5) TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The payments described in paragraph (2)(A) made to a worker may not exceed—

“(i) \$12,000 per worker during the eligibility period under paragraph (4)(A); or

“(ii) the amount described in subparagraph (B) per worker during the eligibility period under paragraph (4)(B).

“(B) AMOUNT DESCRIBED.—The amount described in this subparagraph is the amount equal to the product of—

“(i) \$12,000, and

“(ii) the ratio of—

“(I) the total number of weeks in the eligibility period under paragraph (4)(B) with respect to the worker, to

“(II) 104 weeks.

“(6) CALCULATION OF AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN WORKERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a worker described in paragraph (3)(B)(iii)(II), paragraph (2)(A) shall be applied by substituting the percentage described in subparagraph (B) for ‘50 percent’.

“(B) PERCENTAGE DESCRIBED.—The percentage described in this subparagraph is the percentage—

“(i) equal to ½ of the ratio of—

“(I) the number of weekly hours of employment of the worker referred to in paragraph (3)(B)(iii)(II), to

“(II) the number of weekly hours of employment of the worker at the time of separation, but

“(ii) in no case more than 50 percent.

“(7) LIMITATION ON OTHER BENEFITS.—A worker described in paragraph (3)(B) may not receive a trade readjustment allowance under part I of subchapter B pursuant to the certifi-

cation described in paragraph (3)(A) during any week for which the worker receives a payment described in paragraph (2)(A).”; and

(3) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “subsection (a)(3)(B)” and inserting “subsection (a)(3)”.

(b) EXTENSION OF PROGRAM.—Section 246(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2318(b)(1)) is amended by striking “the date that is 5 years” and all that follows through the end period and inserting “December 31, 2010.”

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item relating to section 246 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 246. Reemployment trade adjustment assistance program.”

Subpart E—Other Matters

SEC. 1851. OFFICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter C of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2311 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 249A. OFFICE OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of Labor an office to be known as the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (in this section referred to as the ‘Office’).

“(b) HEAD OF OFFICE.—The head of the Office shall be an administrator, who shall report directly to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

“(c) PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS.—The principal functions of the administrator of the Office shall be—

“(1) to oversee and implement the administration of trade adjustment assistance program under this chapter; and

“(2) to carry out functions delegated to the Secretary of Labor under this chapter, including—

“(A) making determinations under section 223;

“(B) providing information under section 225 about trade adjustment assistance to workers and assisting such workers to prepare petitions or applications for program benefits;

“(C) providing assistance to employers of groups of workers that have filed petitions under section 221 in submitting information required by the Secretary relating to the petitions;

“(D) ensuring workers covered by a certification of eligibility under subchapter A receive the employment and case management services described in section 235;

“(E) ensuring that States fully comply with agreements entered into under section 239;

“(F) advocating for workers applying for benefits available under this chapter;

“(G) establishing and overseeing a hotline that workers, employers, and other entities may call to obtain information regarding eligibility criteria, procedural requirements, and benefits available under this chapter; and

“(H) carrying out such other duties with respect to this chapter as the Secretary specifies for purposes of this section.

“(d) ADMINISTRATION.—

“(1) DESIGNATION.—The administrator shall designate an employee of the Department of Labor with appropriate experience and expertise to carry out the duties described in paragraph (2).

“(2) DUTIES.—The employee designated under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) receive complaints and requests for assistance related to the trade adjustment assistance program under this chapter;

“(B) resolve such complaints and requests for assistance, in coordination with other employees of the Office;

“(C) compile basic information concerning such complaints and requests for assistance; and

“(D) carry out such other duties with respect to this chapter as the Secretary specifies for purposes of this section.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 249 the following:

“Sec. 249A. Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.”.

SEC. 1852. ACCOUNTABILITY OF STATE AGENCIES; COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF PROGRAM DATA; AGREEMENTS WITH STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 239(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2311(a)) is amended—

(1) by amending clause (2) to read as follows: “(2) in accordance with subsection (f), shall make available to adversely affected workers and adversely affected incumbent workers covered by a certification under subchapter A the employment and case management services described in section 235,”; and

(2) by striking “will” each place it appears and inserting “shall”.

(b) FORM AND MANNER OF DATA.—Section 239 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2311) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (g) as subsections (d) through (h), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

“(c) FORM AND MANNER OF DATA.—Each agreement under this subchapter shall—

“(1) provide the Secretary with the authority to collect any data the Secretary determines necessary to meet the requirements of this chapter; and

“(2) specify the form and manner in which any such data requested by the Secretary shall be reported.”.

(c) STATE ACTIVITIES.—Section 239(g) of the Trade Act of 1974 (as redesignated) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by amending paragraph (4) to read as follows:

“(4) perform outreach to, intake of, and orientation for adversely affected workers and adversely affected incumbent workers covered by a certification under subchapter A with respect to assistance and benefits available under this chapter, and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(5) make employment and case management services described in section 235 available to adversely affected workers and adversely affected incumbent workers covered by a certification under subchapter A and, if funds provided to carry out this chapter are insufficient to make such services available, make arrangements to make such services available through other Federal programs.”.

(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Section 239(h) of the Trade Act of 1974 (as redesignated) is amended by striking “1998.” and inserting “1998 (29 U.S.C. 2822(b)) and a description of the State’s rapid response activities under section 221(a)(2)(A).”.

(e) CONTROL MEASURES.—Section 239 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2311), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) CONTROL MEASURES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall require each cooperating State and cooperating State agency to implement effective control measures and to effectively oversee the operation and administration of the trade adjustment assistance program under this chapter, including by means of monitoring the operation of control measures to improve the accuracy and timeliness of the data being collected and reported.

“(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘control measures’ means measures that—

“(A) are internal to a system used by a State to collect data; and

“(B) are designed to ensure the accuracy and verifiability of such data.”.

“(j) DATA REPORTING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any agreement entered into under this section shall require the cooperating State or cooperating State agency to report to the Secretary on a quarterly basis comprehensive performance accountability data, to consist of—

“(A) the core indicators of performance described in paragraph (2)(A);

“(B) the additional indicators of performance described in paragraph (2)(B), if any; and

“(C) a description of efforts made to improve outcomes for workers under the trade adjustment assistance program.

“(2) CORE INDICATORS DESCRIBED.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The core indicators of performance described in this paragraph are—

“(i) the percentage of workers receiving benefits under this chapter who are employed during the second calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the workers cease receiving such benefits;

“(ii) the percentage of such workers who are employed in each of the third and fourth calendar quarters following the calendar quarter in which the workers cease receiving such benefits; and

“(iii) the earnings of such workers in each of the third and fourth calendar quarters following the calendar quarter in which the workers cease receiving such benefits.

“(B) ADDITIONAL INDICATORS.—The Secretary and a cooperating State or cooperating State agency may agree upon additional indicators of performance for the trade adjustment assistance program under this chapter, as appropriate.

“(3) STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO RELIABILITY OF DATA.—In preparing the quarterly report required by paragraph (1), each cooperating State or cooperating State agency shall establish procedures that are consistent with guidelines to be issued by the Secretary to ensure that the data reported are valid and reliable.”.

SEC. 1853. VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS.

Section 239 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2311), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(k) VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROGRAM BENEFITS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An agreement under this subchapter shall provide that the State shall periodically redetermine that a worker receiving benefits under this subchapter who is not a citizen or national of the United States remains in a satisfactory immigration status. Once satisfactory immigration status has been initially verified through the immigration status verification system described in section 1137(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-7(d)) for purposes of establishing a worker's eligibility for unemployment compensation, the State shall reverify the worker's immigration status if the documentation provided during initial verification will expire during the period in which that worker is potentially eligible to receive benefits under this subchapter. The State shall conduct such redetermination in a timely manner, utilizing the immigration status verification system described in section 1137(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-7(d)).

“(2) PROCEDURES.—The Secretary shall establish procedures to ensure the uniform application by the States of the requirements of this subsection.”.

SEC. 1854. COLLECTION OF DATA AND REPORTS; INFORMATION TO WORKERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter C of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2311 et seq.), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 249B. COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION OF DATA AND REPORTS; INFORMATION TO WORKERS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall implement a system to collect

and report the data described in subsection (b), as well as any other information that the Secretary considers appropriate to effectively carry out this chapter.

“(b) DATA TO BE INCLUDED.—The system required under subsection (a) shall include collection of and reporting on the following data for each fiscal year:

“(1) DATA ON PETITIONS FILED, CERTIFIED, AND DENIED.—

“(A) The number of petitions filed, certified, and denied under this chapter.

“(B) The number of workers covered by petitions filed, certified, and denied.

“(C) The number of petitions, classified by—

“(i) the basis for certification, including increased imports, shifts in production, and other bases of eligibility; and

“(ii) congressional district of the United States.

“(D) The average time for processing such petitions.

“(2) DATA ON BENEFITS RECEIVED.—

“(A) The number of workers receiving benefits under this chapter.

“(B) The number of workers receiving each type of benefit, including training, trade readjustment allowances, employment and case management services, and relocation and job search allowances, and, to the extent feasible, credits for health insurance costs under section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

“(C) The average time during which such workers receive each such type of benefit.

“(3) DATA ON TRAINING.—

“(A) The number of workers enrolled in training approved under section 236, classified by major types of training, including classroom training, training through distance learning, on-the-job training, and customized training.

“(B) The number of workers enrolled in full-time training and part-time training.

“(C) The average duration of training.

“(D) The number of training waivers granted under section 231(c), classified by type of waiver.

“(E) The number of workers who complete training and the duration of such training.

“(F) The number of workers who do not complete training.

“(4) DATA ON OUTCOMES.—

“(A) A summary of the quarterly reports required under section 239(j).

“(B) The sectors in which workers are employed after receiving benefits under this chapter.

“(5) DATA ON RAPID RESPONSE ACTIVITIES.—Whether rapid response activities were provided with respect to each petition filed under section 221.

“(c) CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.—To the extent possible, in collecting and reporting the data described in subsection (b), the Secretary shall classify the data by industry, State, and national totals.

“(d) REPORT.—Not later than December 15 of each year, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

“(1) a summary of the information collected under this section for the preceding fiscal year;

“(2) information on the distribution of funds to each State pursuant to section 236(a)(2); and

“(3) any recommendations of the Secretary with respect to changes in eligibility requirements, benefits, or training funding under this chapter based on the data collected under this section.

“(e) AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make available to the public, by publishing on the website of the Department of Labor and by other means, as appropriate—

“(A) the report required under subsection (d);

“(B) the data collected under this section, in a searchable format; and

“(C) a list of cooperating States and cooperating State agencies that failed to submit the

data required by this section to the Secretary in a timely manner.

“(2) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall update the data under paragraph (1) on a quarterly basis.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 249A the following:

“Sec. 249B. Collection and publication of data and reports; information to workers.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1855. FRAUD AND RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS.

Section 243(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2315(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)—

(A) by striking “may waive” and inserting “shall waive”; and

(B) by striking “, in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the Secretary,”; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “would be contrary to equity and good conscience” and inserting “would cause a financial hardship for the individual (or the individual's household, if applicable) when taking into consideration the income and resources reasonably available to the individual (or household) and other ordinary living expenses of the individual (or household)”.

SEC. 1856. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON APPLICATION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2391 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 288. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

“It is the sense of Congress that the Secretaries of Labor, Commerce, and Agriculture should apply the provisions of chapter 2 (relating to adjustment assistance for workers), chapter 3 (relating to adjustment assistance for firms), chapter 4 (relating to adjustment assistance for communities), and chapter 6 (relating to adjustment assistance for farmers), respectively, with the utmost regard for the interests of workers, firms, communities, and farmers petitioning for benefits under such chapters.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 287 the following:

“Sec. 288. Sense of Congress.”.

SEC. 1857. CONSULTATIONS IN PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS.

Section 248 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2320) is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary shall” and inserting the following:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) CONSULTATIONS.—Not later than 90 days before issuing a regulation under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives with respect to the regulation.”.

SEC. 1858. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) DETERMINATIONS BY SECRETARY OF LABOR.—Section 223(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273(c)) is amended by striking “his determination” and inserting “a determination”.

(b) QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKERS.—Section 231(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2291(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “his application” and inserting “the worker's application”; and

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “he is covered” and inserting “the worker is covered”;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking the period and inserting a comma; and

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “5 U.S.C. 8521(a)(1)” and inserting “section 8521(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code”; and

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking “he” each place it appears and inserting “the worker”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “him” and inserting “the worker”.

(c) **SUBPOENA POWER.**—Section 249 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2321) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “**SUB-PENA**” and inserting “**SUBPOENA**”; and

(2) by striking “subpena” and inserting “subpoena” each place it appears; and

(3) in subsection (a), by striking “him” and inserting “the Secretary”.

(d) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item relating to section 249 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 249. Subpoena power.”.

PART II—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS

SEC. 1861. EXPANSION TO SERVICE SECTOR FIRMS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341) is amended by inserting “or service sector firm” after “agricultural firm” each place it appears.

(b) **DEFINITION OF SERVICE SECTOR FIRM.**—Section 261 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2351) is amended—

(1) by striking “chapter,” and inserting “chapter.”;

(2) by striking “the term ‘firm’” and inserting the following:

“(1) **FIRM.**—The term ‘firm’;”;

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **SERVICE SECTOR FIRM.**—The term ‘service sector firm’ means a firm engaged in the business of supplying services.”.

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Section 251(c)(1)(C) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341(c)(1)(C)) is amended—

(A) by inserting “or services” after “articles” the first place it appears; and

(B) by inserting “or services which are supplied” after “produced”.

(2) Section 251(c)(2)(B)(ii) of such Act is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) Any firm that engages in exploration or drilling for oil or natural gas, or otherwise produces oil or natural gas, shall be considered to be producing articles directly competitive with imports of oil and with imports of natural gas.”.

SEC. 1862. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION.

Section 251(c)(1)(B) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341(c)(1)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

“(B) that—

“(i) sales or production, or both, of the firm have decreased absolutely,

“(ii) sales or production, or both, of an article or service that accounted for not less than 25 percent of the total sales or production of the firm during the 12-month period preceding the most recent 12-month period for which data are available have decreased absolutely,

“(iii) sales or production, or both, of the firm during the most recent 12-month period for which data are available have decreased compared to—

“(I) the average annual sales or production for the firm during the 24-month period preceding that 12-month period, or

“(II) the average annual sales or production for the firm during the 36-month period preceding that 12-month period, and

“(iv) sales or production, or both, of an article or service that accounted for not less than 25 percent of the total sales or production of the firm during the most recent 12-month period for which data are available have decreased compared to—

“(I) the average annual sales or production for the article or service during the 24-month period preceding that 12-month period, or

“(II) the average annual sales or production for the article or service during the 36-month period preceding that 12-month period, and”.

SEC. 1863. BASIS FOR DETERMINATIONS.

Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **BASIS FOR SECRETARY’S DETERMINATIONS.**—For purposes of subsection (c)(1)(C), the Secretary may determine that there are increased imports of like or directly competitive articles or services, if customers accounting for a significant percentage of the decrease in the sales or production of the firm certify to the Secretary that such customers have increased their imports of such articles or services from a foreign country, either absolutely or relative to their acquisition of such articles or services from suppliers located in the United States.

“(f) **NOTIFICATION TO FIRMS OF AVAILABILITY OF BENEFITS.**—Upon receiving notice from the Secretary of Labor under section 225 of the identity of a firm that is covered by a certification issued under section 223, the Secretary of Commerce shall notify the firm of the availability of adjustment assistance under this chapter.”.

SEC. 1864. OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION; AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 3 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking sections 254, 255, 256, and 257;

(2) by redesignating sections 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 264, and 265, as sections 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, and 262, respectively; and

(3) by inserting after section 253 the following:

“SEC. 254. OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall, to such extent and in such amounts as are provided in appropriations Acts, provide grants to intermediary organizations (referred to in section 253(b)(1)) throughout the United States pursuant to agreements with such intermediary organizations. Each such agreement shall require the intermediary organization to provide benefits to firms certified under section 251. The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, provide by October 1, 2010, that contracts entered into with intermediary organizations be for a 12-month period and that all such contracts have the same beginning date and the same ending date.

“(b) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall develop a methodology for the distribution of funds among the intermediary organizations described in subsection (a).

“(2) **PROMPT INITIAL DISTRIBUTION.**—The methodology described in paragraph (1) shall ensure the prompt initial distribution of funds and establish additional criteria governing the apportionment and distribution of the remainder of such funds among the intermediary organizations.

“(3) **CRITERIA.**—The methodology described in paragraph (1) shall include criteria based on the data in the annual report on the trade adjustment assistance for firms program described in section 1866 of the Trade and Globalization Adjustment Assistance Act of 2009.

“(c) **REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS.**—An agreement with an intermediary organization described in subsection (a) shall require the intermediary organization to contract for the supply of services to carry out grants under this chapter in accordance with terms and conditions that are consistent with guidelines established by the Secretary.

“(d) **CONSULTATIONS.**—

“(1) **CONSULTATIONS REGARDING METHODOLOGY.**—The Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the

Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives—

“(A) not less than 30 days before finalizing the methodology described in subsection (b); and

“(B) not less than 60 days before adopting any changes to such methodology.

“(2) **CONSULTATIONS REGARDING GUIDELINES.**—

The Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives not less than 60 days before finalizing the guidelines described in subsection (c) or adopting any subsequent changes to such guidelines.

“SEC. 255. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$50,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2010, and \$12,501,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall—

“(1) be available to provide adjustment assistance to firms that file a petition for such assistance pursuant to this chapter on or before December 31, 2010; and

“(2) otherwise remain available until expended.

“(b) **PERSONNEL.**—Of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this section for each fiscal year, \$350,000 shall be available for full-time positions in the Department of Commerce to administer the provisions of this chapter. Of such funds the Secretary shall make available to the Economic Development Administration such sums as may be necessary to establish the position of Director of Adjustment Assistance for Firms and such other full-time positions as may be appropriate to administer the provisions of this chapter.”.

(b) **RESIDUAL AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Commerce shall have the authority to modify, terminate, resolve, liquidate, or take any other action with respect to a loan, guarantee, contract, or any other financial assistance that was extended under section 254, 255, 256, or 257 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2344, 2345, 2346, and 2347), as in effect on the day before the effective date set forth in section 1891.

(c) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) Section 256 of the Trade Act of 1974, as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended by striking subsection (d).

(2) Section 258 of the Trade Act of 1974, as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section, is amended—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “and financial”; and

(B) in the last sentence—

(i) by striking “sections 253 and 254” and inserting “section 253”; and

(ii) by striking “title 28 of the United States Code” and inserting “title 28, United States Code”.

(d) **CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.**—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the items relating to sections 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 264, and 265, and inserting the following:

“Sec. 254. Oversight and administration.

“Sec. 255. Authorization of appropriations.

“Sec. 256. Protective provisions.

“Sec. 257. Penalties.

“Sec. 258. Civil actions.

“Sec. 259. Definitions.

“Sec. 260. Regulations.

“Sec. 261. Study by Secretary of Commerce when International Trade Commission begins investigation; action where there is affirmative finding.

“Sec. 262. Assistance to industries.”.

(e) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, except that subsections (b) and (d) of section 254 of the Trade Act of 1974 (as added by

subsection (a) of this section) shall take effect on such date of enactment.

SEC. 1865. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR FALSE STATEMENTS.

Section 257 of the Trade Act of 1974, as redesignated by section 1864(a), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 257. PENALTIES.

“Any person who—
“(1) makes a false statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, or willfully overvalues any security, for the purpose of influencing in any way a determination under this chapter, or for the purpose of obtaining money, property, or anything of value under this chapter, or
“(2) makes a false statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact, when providing information to the Secretary during an investigation of a petition under this chapter,

shall be imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or fined under title 18, United States Code, or both.”.

SEC. 1866. ANNUAL REPORT ON TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than December 15, 2009, and each year thereafter, the Secretary of Commerce shall prepare a report containing data regarding the trade adjustment assistance for firms program provided for in chapter 3 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 et seq.) for the preceding fiscal year. The data shall include the following:

(1) The number of firms that inquired about the program.

(2) The number of petitions filed under section 251.

(3) The number of petitions certified and denied.

(4) The average time for processing petitions.

(5) The number of petitions filed and firms certified for each congressional district of the United States.

(6) The number of firms that received assistance in preparing their petitions.

(7) The number of firms that received assistance developing business recovery plans.

(8) The number of business recovery plans approved and denied by the Secretary of Commerce.

(9) Sales, employment, and productivity at each firm participating in the program at the time of certification.

(10) Sales, employment, and productivity at each firm upon completion of the program and each year for the 2-year period following completion.

(11) The financial assistance received by each firm participating in the program.

(12) The financial contribution made by each firm participating in the program.

(13) The types of technical assistance included in the business recovery plans of firms participating in the program.

(14) The number of firms leaving the program before completing the project or projects in their business recovery plans and the reason the project was not completed.

(b) *CLASSIFICATION OF DATA.*—To the extent possible, in collecting and reporting the data described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall classify the data by intermediary organization, State, and national totals.

(c) *REPORT TO CONGRESS; PUBLICATION.*—The Secretary of Commerce shall—

(1) submit the report described in subsection (a) to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives; and

(2) publish the report in the Federal Register and on the website of the Department of Commerce.

(d) *PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.*—The Secretary of Commerce may not release information described in subsection (a) that the Secretary considers to be confidential

business information unless the person submitting the confidential business information had notice, at the time of submission, that such information would be released by the Secretary, or such person subsequently consents to the release of the information. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from providing such confidential business information to a court in camera or to another party under a protective order issued by a court.

SEC. 1867. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341), as amended, is further amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “he has” and inserting “the Secretary has”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “60 days” and inserting “40 days”.

(b) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—Section 253(a)(3) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2343(a)(3)) is amended by striking “of a certified firm” and inserting “to a certified firm”.

PART III—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

SEC. 1871. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the amendments made by this part is to assist communities impacted by trade with economic adjustment through the coordination of Federal, State, and local resources, the creation of community-based development strategies, and the development and provision of programs that meet the training needs of workers covered by certifications under section 223.

SEC. 1872. TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Chapter 4 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2371 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 4—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

“Subchapter A—Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities

“SEC. 271. DEFINITIONS.

“In this subchapter:

“(1) *AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRODUCER.*—The term ‘agricultural commodity producer’ has the meaning given that term in section 291.

“(2) *COMMUNITY.*—The term ‘community’ means a city, county, or other political subdivision of a State or a consortium of political subdivisions of a State.

“(3) *COMMUNITY IMPACTED BY TRADE.*—The term ‘community impacted by trade’ means a community described in section 273(b)(2).

“(4) *ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY.*—The term ‘eligible community’ means a community that the Secretary has determined under section 273(b)(1) is eligible to apply for assistance under this subchapter.

“(5) *SECRETARY.*—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Commerce.

“SEC. 272. ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.

“Not later than August 1, 2009, the Secretary shall establish a trade adjustment assistance for communities program at the Department of Commerce under which the Secretary shall—

“(1) provide technical assistance under section 274 to communities impacted by trade to facilitate the economic adjustment of those communities; and

“(2) award grants to communities impacted by trade to carry out strategic plans developed under section 276.

“SEC. 273. ELIGIBILITY; NOTIFICATION.

“(a) *PETITION.*—

“(1) *IN GENERAL.*—A community may submit a petition to the Secretary for an affirmative determination under subsection (b)(1) that the community is eligible to apply for assistance under this subchapter if—

“(A) on or after August 1, 2009, one or more certifications described in subsection (b)(3) are made with respect to the community; and

“(B) the community submits the petition not later than 180 days after the date of the most recent certification.

“(2) *SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.*—In the case of a community with respect to which one or more certifications described in subsection (b)(3) were made on or after January 1, 2007, and before August 1, 2009, the community may submit not later than February 1, 2010, a petition to the Secretary for an affirmative determination under subsection (b)(1).

“(b) *AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATION.*—

“(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall make an affirmative determination that a community is eligible to apply for assistance under this subchapter if the Secretary determines that the community is a community impacted by trade.

“(2) *COMMUNITY IMPACTED BY TRADE.*—A community is a community impacted by trade if—

“(A) one or more certifications described in paragraph (3) are made with respect to the community; and

“(B) the Secretary determines that the community is significantly affected by the threat to, or the loss of, jobs associated with any such certification.

“(3) *CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.*—A certification described in this paragraph is a certification—

“(A) by the Secretary of Labor that a group of workers in the community is eligible to apply for assistance under section 223;

“(B) by the Secretary of Commerce that a firm located in the community is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 251; or

“(C) by the Secretary of Agriculture that a group of agricultural commodity producers in the community is eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 293.

“(c) *NOTIFICATIONS.*—

“(1) *NOTIFICATION TO THE GOVERNOR.*—The Governor of a State shall be notified promptly—

“(A) by the Secretary of Labor, upon making a determination that a group of workers in the State is eligible for assistance under section 223;

“(B) by the Secretary of Commerce, upon making a determination that a firm in the State is eligible for assistance under section 251; and

“(C) by the Secretary of Agriculture, upon making a determination that a group of agricultural commodity producers in the State is eligible for assistance under section 293.

“(2) *NOTIFICATION TO COMMUNITY.*—Upon making an affirmative determination under subsection (b)(1) that a community is eligible to apply for assistance under this subchapter, the Secretary shall promptly notify the community and the Governor of the State in which the community is located—

“(A) of the affirmative determination;

“(B) of the applicable provisions of this subchapter; and

“(C) of the means for obtaining assistance under this subchapter and other appropriate economic assistance that may be available to the community.

“SEC. 274. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

“(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Secretary shall provide comprehensive technical assistance to an eligible community to assist the community to—

“(1) diversify and strengthen the economy in the community;

“(2) identify significant impediments to economic development that result from the impact of trade on the community; and

“(3) develop a strategic plan under section 276 to address economic adjustment and workforce dislocation in the community, including unemployment among agricultural commodity producers.

“(b) *COORDINATION OF FEDERAL RESPONSE.*—The Secretary shall coordinate the Federal response to an eligible community by—

“(1) identifying Federal, State, and local resources that are available to assist the community in responding to economic distress; and

“(2) assisting the community in accessing available Federal assistance and ensuring that such assistance is provided in a targeted, integrated manner.

“(c) INTERAGENCY COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE WORKING GROUP.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish an interagency Community Assistance Working Group, to be chaired by the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee, which shall assist the Secretary with the coordination of the Federal response pursuant to subsection (b).

“(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Working Group shall consist of representatives of any Federal department or agency with responsibility for providing economic adjustment assistance, including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Small Business Administration, the Department of the Treasury, and any other Federal, State, or regional public department or agency the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“SEC. 275. GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE COMMUNITIES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award a grant under this section to an eligible community to assist the community in carrying out any project or program that is included in a strategic plan developed by the community under section 276.

“(b) APPLICATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible community seeking to receive a grant under this section shall submit a grant application to the Secretary that contains—

“(A) the strategic plan developed by the community under section 276(a)(1)(A) and approved by the Secretary under section 276(a)(1)(B); and

“(B) a description of the project or program included in the strategic plan with respect to which the community seeks the grant.

“(2) COORDINATION AMONG GRANT PROGRAMS.—If an entity in an eligible community is seeking or plans to seek a Community College and Career Training Grant under section 278 or a Sector Partnership Grant under section 279A while the eligible community is seeking a grant under this section, the eligible community shall include in the grant application a description of how the eligible community will integrate any projects or programs carried out using a grant under this section with any projects or programs that may be carried out using such other grants.

“(c) LIMITATION.—An eligible community may not be awarded more than \$5,000,000 under this section.

“(d) COST-SHARING.—

“(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of a project or program for which a grant is awarded under this section may not exceed 95 percent of the cost of such project or program.

“(2) COMMUNITY SHARE.—The Secretary shall require, as a condition of awarding a grant to an eligible community under this section, that the eligible community contribute not less than an amount equal to 5 percent of the amount of the grant toward the cost of the project or program for which the grant is awarded.

“(e) GRANTS TO SMALL- AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMMUNITIES.—The Secretary shall give priority to grant applications submitted under this section by eligible communities that are small- and medium-sized communities.

“(f) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 15 in each of the calendar years 2009 through 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report—

“(1) describing each grant awarded under this section during the preceding fiscal year; and

“(2) assessing the impact on the eligible community of each such grant awarded in a fiscal year before the fiscal year referred to in paragraph (1).

“SEC. 276. STRATEGIC PLANS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—

“(1) DEVELOPMENT.—An eligible community that intends to apply for a grant under section 275 shall—

“(A) develop a strategic plan for the community’s economic adjustment to the impact of trade; and

“(B) submit the plan to the Secretary for evaluation and approval.

“(2) INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ENTITIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—To the extent practicable, an eligible community shall consult with entities described in subparagraph (B) in developing a strategic plan under paragraph (1).

“(B) ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—Entities described in this subparagraph are public and private entities within the eligible community, including—

“(i) local, county, or State government agencies serving the community;

“(ii) firms, including small- and medium-sized firms, within the community;

“(iii) local workforce investment boards established under section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832);

“(iv) labor organizations, including State labor federations and labor-management initiatives, representing workers in the community; and

“(v) educational institutions, local educational agencies, or other training providers serving the community.

“(b) CONTENTS.—The strategic plan shall, at a minimum, contain the following:

“(1) A description and analysis of the capacity of the eligible community to achieve economic adjustment to the impact of trade.

“(2) An analysis of the economic development challenges and opportunities facing the community as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the economy of the community.

“(3) An assessment of the commitment of the eligible community to the strategic plan over the long term and the participation and input of members of the community affected by economic dislocation.

“(4) A description of the role and the participation of the entities described in subsection (a)(2)(B) in developing the strategic plan.

“(5) A description of the projects to be undertaken by the eligible community under the strategic plan.

“(6) A description of how the strategic plan and the projects to be undertaken by the eligible community will facilitate the community’s economic adjustment.

“(7) A description of the educational and training programs available to workers in the eligible community and the future employment needs of the community.

“(8) An assessment of the cost of implementing the strategic plan, the timing of funding required by the eligible community to implement the strategic plan, and the method of financing to be used to implement the strategic plan.

“(9) A strategy for continuing the economic adjustment of the eligible community after the completion of the projects described in paragraph (5).

“(c) GRANTS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIC PLANS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, upon receipt of an application from an eligible community, may award a grant to the community to assist the community in developing a strategic plan under subsection (a)(1). A grant awarded under this paragraph shall not exceed 75 percent of the cost of developing the strategic plan.

“(2) FUNDS TO BE USED.—Of the funds appropriated pursuant to section 277(c), the Secretary may make available not more than \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and \$6,250,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, to provide grants to eligible communities under paragraph (1).

“SEC. 277. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

“(a) REGULATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter, including—

“(A) establishing specific guidelines for the submission and evaluation of strategic plans under section 276;

“(B) establishing specific guidelines for the submission and evaluation of grant applications under section 275; and

“(C) administering the grant programs established under sections 275 and 276.

“(2) CONSULTATIONS.—The Secretary shall consult with the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives not less than 90 days prior to promulgating any final rule or regulation pursuant to paragraph (1).

“(b) PERSONNEL.—The Secretary shall designate such staff as may be necessary to carry out the responsibilities described in this subchapter.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$150,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and \$37,500,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, to carry out this subchapter.

“(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subchapter—

“(A) shall be available to provide adjustment assistance to communities that have been approved for assistance pursuant to this chapter on or before December 31, 2010; and

“(B) shall otherwise remain available until expended.

“(3) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this subchapter shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to provide economic development assistance for communities.

“Subchapter B—Community College and Career Training Grant Program

“SEC. 278. COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND CAREER TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM.

“(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning August 1, 2009, the Secretary may award Community College and Career Training Grants to eligible institutions for the purpose of developing, offering, or improving educational or career training programs for workers eligible for training under section 236.

“(2) LIMITATIONS.—An eligible institution may not be awarded—

“(A) more than one grant under this section; or

“(B) a grant under this section in excess of \$1,000,000.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—The term ‘eligible institution’ means an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), but only with respect to a program offered by the institution that can be completed in not more than 2 years.

“(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Labor.

“(c) GRANT PROPOSALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—An eligible institution seeking to receive a grant under this section shall submit a grant proposal to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(2) GUIDELINES.—Not later than June 1, 2009, the Secretary shall—

“(A) promulgate guidelines for the submission of grant proposals under this section; and

“(B) publish and maintain such guidelines on the website of the Department of Labor.

“(3) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall offer assistance in preparing a grant proposal to any eligible institution that requests such assistance.

“(4) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A grant proposal submitted to the Secretary under this section shall include a detailed description of—

“(i) the specific project for which the grant proposal is submitted, including the manner in which the grant will be used to develop, offer, or improve an educational or career training program that is suited to workers eligible for training under section 236;

“(ii) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted will meet the educational or career training needs of workers in the community served by the eligible institution who are eligible for training under section 236;

“(iii) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted fits within any overall strategic plan developed by an eligible community under section 276;

“(iv) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted relates to any project funded by a Sector Partnership Grant awarded under section 279A; and

“(v) any previous experience of the eligible institution in providing educational or career training programs to workers eligible for training under section 236.

“(B) ABSENCE OF EXPERIENCE.—The absence of any previous experience in providing educational or career training programs described in subparagraph (A)(v) shall not automatically disqualify an eligible institution from receiving a grant under this section.

“(5) COMMUNITY OUTREACH REQUIRED.—In order to be considered by the Secretary, a grant proposal submitted by an eligible institution under this section shall—

“(A) demonstrate that the eligible institution—

“(i) reached out to employers, and other entities described in section 276(a)(2)(B) to identify—

“(I) any shortcomings in existing educational and career training opportunities available to workers in the community; and

“(II) any future employment opportunities within the community and the educational and career training skills required for workers to meet the future employment demand;

“(ii) reached out to other similarly situated institutions in an effort to benefit from any best practices that may be shared with respect to providing educational or career training programs to workers eligible for training under section 236; and

“(iii) reached out to any eligible partnership in the community that has sought or received a Sector Partnership Grant under section 279A to enhance the effectiveness of each grant and avoid duplication of efforts; and

“(B) include a detailed description of—

“(i) the extent and outcome of the outreach conducted under subparagraph (A);

“(ii) the extent to which the project for which the grant proposal is submitted will contribute to meeting any shortcomings identified under subparagraph (A)(i)(I) or any educational or career training needs identified under subparagraph (A)(i)(II); and

“(iii) the extent to which employers, including small- and medium-sized firms within the community, have demonstrated a commitment to employing workers who would benefit from the project for which the grant proposal is submitted.

“(d) CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF GRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the appropriation of funds, the Secretary shall award a grant under this section based on—

“(A) a determination of the merits of the grant proposal submitted by the eligible institution to develop, offer, or improve educational or career training programs to be made available to workers eligible for training under section 236;

“(B) an evaluation of the likely employment opportunities available to workers who complete an educational or career training program that the eligible institution proposes to develop, offer, or improve; and

“(C) an evaluation of prior demand for training programs by workers eligible for training

under section 236 in the community served by the eligible institution, as well as the availability and capacity of existing training programs to meet future demand for training programs.

“(2) PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN COMMUNITIES.—In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give priority to an eligible institution that serves a community that the Secretary of Commerce has determined under section 273 is eligible to apply for assistance under subchapter A within the 5-year period preceding the date on which the grant proposal is submitted to the Secretary under this section.

“(3) MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—A grant awarded under this section may not be used to satisfy any private matching requirement under any other provision of law.

“(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 15 in each of the calendar years 2009 through 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report—

“(1) describing each grant awarded under this section during the preceding fiscal year; and

“(2) assessing the impact of each award of a grant under this section in a fiscal year preceding the fiscal year referred to in paragraph (1) on workers receiving training under section 236.

“SEC. 279. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Labor \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and \$10,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, to fund the Community College and Career Training Grant Program. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

“(b) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to support community college and career training programs.

“Subchapter C—Industry or Sector Partnership Grant Program for Communities Impacted by Trade

“SEC. 279A. INDUSTRY OR SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY TRADE.

“(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this subchapter is to facilitate efforts by industry or sector partnerships to strengthen and revitalize industries and create employment opportunities for workers in communities impacted by trade.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this subchapter:

“(1) COMMUNITY IMPACTED BY TRADE.—The term ‘community impacted by trade’ has the meaning given that term in section 271.

“(2) DISLOCATED WORKER.—The term ‘dislocated worker’ means a worker who has been totally or partially separated, or is threatened with total or partial separation, from employment in an industry or sector in a community impacted by trade.

“(3) ELIGIBLE PARTNERSHIP.—The term ‘eligible partnership’ means a voluntary partnership composed of public and private persons, firms, or other entities within a community impacted by trade, that shall include representatives of—

“(A) an industry or sector within the community, including an industry association;

“(B) local, county, or State government;

“(C) multiple firms in the industry or sector, including small- and medium-sized firms, within the community;

“(D) local workforce investment boards established under section 117 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2832);

“(E) labor organizations, including State labor federations and labor-management initiatives, representing workers in the community; and

“(F) educational institutions, local educational agencies, or other training providers serving the community.

“(4) LEAD ENTITY.—The term ‘lead entity’ means—

“(A) an entity designated by the eligible partnership to be responsible for submitting a grant proposal under subsection (e) and serving as the eligible partnership’s fiscal agent in expending any Sector Partnership Grant awarded under this section; or

“(B) a State agency designated by the Governor of the State to carry out the responsibilities described in subparagraph (A).

“(5) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Labor.

“(6) TARGETED INDUSTRY OR SECTOR.—The term ‘targeted industry or sector’ means the industry or sector represented by an eligible partnership.

“(c) SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—Beginning on August 1, 2009, and subject to the appropriation of funds, the Secretary shall award Sector Partnership Grants to eligible partnerships to assist the eligible partnerships in carrying out projects, over periods of not more than 3 years, to strengthen and revitalize industries and sectors and create employment opportunities for dislocated workers.

“(d) USE OF SECTOR PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.—An eligible partnership may use a Sector Partnership Grant to carry out any project that the Secretary determines will further the purpose of this subchapter, which may include—

“(1) identifying the skill needs of the targeted industry or sector and any gaps in the available supply of skilled workers in the community impacted by trade, and developing strategies for filling the gaps, including by—

“(A) developing systems to better link firms in the targeted industry or sector to available skilled workers;

“(B) helping firms in the targeted industry or sector to obtain access to new sources of qualified job applicants;

“(C) retraining dislocated and incumbent workers; or

“(D) facilitating the training of new skilled workers by aligning the instruction provided by local suppliers of education and training services with the needs of the targeted industry or sector;

“(2) analyzing the skills and education levels of dislocated and incumbent workers and developing training to address skill gaps that prevent such workers from obtaining jobs in the targeted industry or sector;

“(3) helping firms, especially small- and medium-sized firms, in the targeted industry or sector increase their productivity and the productivity of their workers;

“(4) helping such firms retain incumbent workers;

“(5) developing learning consortia of small- and medium-sized firms in the targeted industry or sector with similar training needs to enable the firms to combine their purchases of training services, and thereby lower their training costs;

“(6) providing information and outreach activities to firms in the targeted industry or sector regarding the activities of the eligible partnership and other local service suppliers that could assist the firms in meeting needs for skilled workers;

“(7) seeking, applying, and disseminating best practices learned from similarly situated communities impacted by trade in the development and implementation of economic growth and revitalization strategies; and

“(8) identifying additional public and private resources to support the activities described in this subsection, which may include the option to apply for a community grant under section 275 or a Community College and Career Training Grant under section 278 (subject to meeting any additional requirements of those sections).

“(e) GRANT PROPOSALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The lead entity of an eligible partnership seeking to receive a Sector Partnership Grant under this section shall submit a grant proposal to the Secretary at such time, in

such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

“(2) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT PROPOSALS.—A grant proposal submitted under paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum—

“(A) identify the members of the eligible partnership;

“(B) identify the targeted industry or sector for which the eligible partnership intends to carry out projects using the Sector Partnership Grant;

“(C) describe the goals that the eligible partnership intends to achieve to promote the targeted industry or sector;

“(D) describe the projects that the eligible partnership will undertake to achieve such goals;

“(E) demonstrate that the eligible partnership has the organizational capacity to carry out the projects described in subparagraph (D);

“(F) explain—

“(i) whether—

“(I) the community impacted by trade has sought or received a community grant under section 275;

“(II) an eligible institution in the community has sought or received a Community College and Career Training Grant under section 278; or

“(III) any other entity in the community has received funds pursuant to any other federally funded training project; and

“(ii) how the eligible partnership will coordinate its use of a Sector Partnership Grant with the use of such other grants or funds in order to enhance the effectiveness of each grant and any such funds and avoid duplication of efforts; and

“(G) include performance measures, developed based on the performance measures issued by the Secretary under subsection (g)(2), and a timeline for measuring progress toward achieving the goals described in subparagraph (C).

“(f) AWARD OF GRANTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon application by the lead entity of an eligible partnership, the Secretary may award a Sector Partnership Grant to the eligible partnership to assist the partnership in carrying out any of the projects in the grant proposal that the Secretary determines will further the purposes of this subchapter.

“(2) LIMITATIONS.—An eligible partnership may not be awarded—

“(A) more than one Sector Partnership Grant; or

“(B) a total grant award under this subchapter in excess of—

“(i) except as provided in clause (ii), \$2,500,000; or

“(ii) in the case of an eligible partnership located within a community impacted by trade that is not served by an institution receiving a Community College and Career Training Grant under section 278, \$3,000,000.

“(g) ADMINISTRATION BY THE SECRETARY.—

“(1) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OVERSIGHT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance to, and oversight of, the lead entity of an eligible partnership in applying for and administering Sector Partnership Grants awarded under this section.

“(B) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Technical assistance provided under subparagraph (A) shall include providing conferences and such other methods of collecting and disseminating information on best practices developed by eligible partnerships as the Secretary determines appropriate.

“(C) GRANTS OR CONTRACTS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may award a grant or contract to one or more national or State organizations to provide technical assistance to foster the planning, formation, and implementation of eligible partnerships.

“(2) PERFORMANCE MEASURES.—The Secretary shall issue a range of performance measures, with quantifiable benchmarks, and methodologies that eligible partnerships may use to measure progress toward the goals described in subsection (e). In developing such measures, the

Secretary shall consider the benefits of the eligible partnership and its activities for workers, firms, industries, and communities.

“(h) REPORTS.—

“(1) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after receiving a Sector Partnership Grant, and 3 years thereafter, the lead entity shall submit to the Secretary, on behalf of the eligible partnership, a report containing—

“(A) a detailed description of the progress made toward achieving the goals described in subsection (e)(2)(C), using the performance measures required under subsection (e)(2)(G);

“(B) a detailed evaluation of the impact of the grant award on workers and employers in the community impacted by trade; and

“(C) a detailed description of all expenditures of funds awarded to the eligible partnership under the Sector Partnership Grant approved by the Secretary under this subchapter.

“(2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than December 15 in each of the calendar years 2009 through 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report—

“(A) describing each Sector Partnership Grant awarded to an eligible partnership during the preceding fiscal year; and

“(B) assessing the impact of each Sector Partnership Grant awarded in a fiscal year preceding the fiscal year referred to in subparagraph (A) on workers and employers in communities impacted by trade.

“SEC. 279B. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Labor \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and \$10,000,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, to carry out the Sector Partnership Grant program under section 279A. Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

“(b) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be used to supplement and not supplant other Federal, State, and local public funds expended to support the economic development of local communities.

“(c) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—The Secretary may retain not more than 5 percent of the funds appropriated pursuant to this section for each fiscal year to administer the Sector Partnership Grant program under section 279A.

“Subchapter D—General Provisions

“SEC. 279C. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

“Nothing in this chapter prevents a worker from receiving trade adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of this title at the same time the worker is receiving assistance in any manner from—

“(1) a community receiving a community grant under subchapter A;

“(2) an eligible institution receiving a Community College and Career Training Grant under subchapter B; or

“(3) an eligible partnership receiving a Sector Partnership Grant under subchapter C.”.

SEC. 1873. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the items relating to chapter 4 of title II and inserting the following:

“CHAPTER 4—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES

“Subchapter A—Trade Adjustment Assistance for Communities

“Sec. 271. Definitions.

“Sec. 272. Establishment of trade adjustment assistance for communities program.

“Sec. 273. Eligibility; notification.

“Sec. 274. Technical assistance.

“Sec. 275. Grants for eligible communities.

“Sec. 276. Strategic plans.

“Sec. 277. General provisions.

“Subchapter B—Community College and Career Training Grant Program

“Sec. 278. Community college and career training grant program.

“Sec. 279. Authorization of appropriations.

“Subchapter C—Industry or Sector Partnership Grant Program for Communities Impacted by Trade

“Sec. 279A. Industry or sector partnership grant program for communities impacted by trade.

“Sec. 279B. Authorization of appropriations.

“Subchapter D—General Provisions

“Sec. 279C. Rule of construction.”

(b) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—

(1) Section 284(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2395(a)) is amended—

(A) by inserting “or 296” after “section 293”;

(B) by striking “or any other interested domestic party” and inserting “or authorized representative of a community”; and

(C) by striking “section 271” and inserting “section 273”.

(2) Section 1581(d) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “271” and inserting “273”; and

(ii) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) any final determination of the Secretary of Agriculture under section 293 or 296 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401b) with respect to the eligibility of a group of agricultural commodity producers for adjustment assistance under such Act.”.

PART IV—TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS

SEC. 1881. DEFINITIONS.

Section 291 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401) is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

“(1) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term ‘agricultural commodity’ includes—

“(A) any agricultural commodity (including livestock) in its raw or natural state;

“(B) any class of goods within an agricultural commodity; and

“(C) in the case of an agricultural commodity producer described in paragraph (2)(B), wild-caught aquatic species.”;

(2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(2) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRODUCER.—The term ‘agricultural commodity producer’ means—

“(A) a person that shares in the risk of producing an agricultural commodity and that is entitled to a share of the commodity for marketing, including an operator, a sharecropper, or a person that owns or rents the land on which the commodity is produced; or

“(B) a person that reports gain or loss from the trade or business of fishing on the person’s annual Federal income tax return for the taxable year that most closely corresponds to the marketing year with respect to which a petition is filed under section 292.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(7) MARKETING YEAR.—The term ‘marketing year’ means—

“(A) a marketing year designated by the Secretary with respect to an agricultural commodity; or

“(B) in the case of an agricultural commodity with respect to which the Secretary does not designate a marketing year, a calendar year.”.

SEC. 1882. ELIGIBILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 292 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401a) is amended by striking

subsections (c) through (e) and inserting the following:

“(c) **GROUP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary shall certify a group of agricultural commodity producers as eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under this chapter if the Secretary determines that—

“(1)(A) the national average price of the agricultural commodity produced by the group during the most recent marketing year for which data are available is less than 85 percent of the average of the national average price for the commodity in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year;

“(B) the quantity of production of the agricultural commodity produced by the group during such marketing year is less than 85 percent of the average of the quantity of production of the commodity produced by the group in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year;

“(C) the value of production of the agricultural commodity produced by the group during such marketing year is less than 85 percent of the average value of production of the commodity produced by the group in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year; or

“(D) the cash receipts for the agricultural commodity produced by the group during such marketing year are less than 85 percent of the average of the cash receipts for the commodity produced by the group in the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year;

“(2) the volume of imports of articles like or directly competitive with the agricultural commodity produced by the group in the marketing year with respect to which the group files the petition increased compared to the average volume of such imports during the 3 marketing years preceding such marketing year; and

“(3) the increase in such imports contributed importantly to the decrease in the national average price, quantity of production, or value of production of, or cash receipts for, the agricultural commodity, as described in paragraph (1).

“(d) **ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN OTHER PRODUCERS.**—An agricultural commodity producer or group of producers that resides outside of the State or region identified in the petition filed under subsection (a) may file a request to become a party to that petition not later than 15 days after the date the notice is published in the Federal Register under subsection (a) with respect to that petition.

“(e) **TREATMENT OF CLASSES OF GOODS WITHIN A COMMODITY.**—In any case in which there are separate classes of goods within an agricultural commodity, the Secretary shall treat each class as a separate commodity in determining under subsection (c)—

“(1) group eligibility;

“(2) the national average price, quantity of production, or value of production, or cash receipts; and

“(3) the volume of imports.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section 293 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “section 292 (c) or (d), as the case may be,” and inserting “section 292(c)”;

(2) in subsection (e), by striking “decline in price for” and inserting “decrease in the national average price, quantity of production, or value of production of, or cash receipts for.”.

SEC. 1883. BENEFITS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 296 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401e) is amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 296. QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRODUCERS.**

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(1) **REQUIREMENTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Benefits under this chapter shall be available to an agricultural commodity producer covered by a certification under this chapter who files an application for

such benefits not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary makes a determination and issues a certification of eligibility under section 293, if the producer submits to the Secretary sufficient information to establish that—

“(i) the producer produced the agricultural commodity covered by the application filed under this subsection in the marketing year with respect to which the petition is filed and in at least 1 of the 3 marketing years preceding that marketing year;

“(ii)(I) the quantity of the agricultural commodity that was produced by the producer in the marketing year with respect to which the petition is filed has decreased compared to the most recent marketing year preceding that marketing year for which data are available; or

“(II)(aa) the price received for the agricultural commodity by the producer during the marketing year with respect to which the petition is filed has decreased compared to the average price for the commodity received by the producer in the 3 marketing years preceding that marketing year; or

“(bb) the county level price maintained by the Secretary for the agricultural commodity on the date on which the petition is filed has decreased compared to the average county level price for the commodity in the 3 marketing years preceding the date on which the petition is filed; and

“(iii) the producer is not receiving—

“(I) cash benefits under chapter 2 or 3; or

“(II) benefits based on the production of an agricultural commodity covered by another petition filed under this chapter.

“(B) **SPECIAL RULE WITH RESPECT TO CROPS NOT GROWN EVERY YEAR.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii)(II)(aa), if a petition is filed with respect to an agricultural commodity that is not produced by the producer every year, an agricultural commodity producer producing that commodity may establish the average price received for the commodity by the producer in the 3 marketing years preceding the year with respect to which the petition is filed by using average price data for the 3 most recent marketing years in which the producer produced the commodity and for which data are available.

“(2) **LIMITATIONS BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an agricultural commodity producer shall not be eligible for assistance under this chapter in any year in which the average adjusted gross income (as defined in section 1001D(a) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(a))) of the producer exceeds the level set forth in subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 1001D(b)(1) of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308–3a(b)(1)), whichever is applicable.

“(B) **DEMONSTRATION OF COMPLIANCE.**—An agricultural commodity producer shall provide to the Secretary such information as the Secretary determines necessary to demonstrate that the producer is in compliance with the limitation under subparagraph (A).

“(C) **COUNTER-CYCLICAL AND ACRE PAYMENTS.**—The total amount of payments made to an agricultural commodity producer under this chapter during any crop year may not exceed the limitations on payments set forth in subsections (b)(2), (b)(3), (c)(2), and (c)(3) of section 1001 of the Food Security Act of 1985 (7 U.S.C. 1308).

“(b) **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—

“(1) **INITIAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An agricultural commodity producer that files an application and meets the requirements under subsection (a)(1) shall be entitled to receive initial technical assistance designed to improve the competitiveness of the production and marketing of the agricultural commodity with respect to which the producer was certified under this chapter. Such assistance shall include information regarding—

“(i) improving the yield and marketing of that agricultural commodity; and

“(ii) the feasibility and desirability of substituting one or more alternative agricultural commodities for that agricultural commodity.

“(B) **TRANSPORTATION AND SUBSISTENCE EXPENSES.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may authorize supplemental assistance necessary to defray reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses incurred by an agricultural commodity producer in connection with initial technical assistance under subparagraph (A) if such assistance is provided at facilities that are not within normal commuting distance of the regular place of residence of the producer.

“(ii) **EXCEPTIONS.**—The Secretary may not authorize payments to an agricultural commodity producer under clause (i)—

“(I) for subsistence expenses that exceed the lesser of—

“(aa) the actual per diem expenses for subsistence incurred by the producer; or

“(bb) the prevailing per diem allowance rate authorized under Federal travel regulations; or

“(II) for travel expenses that exceed the prevailing mileage rate authorized under the Federal travel regulations.

“(2) **INTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**—A producer that has completed initial technical assistance under paragraph (1) shall be eligible to participate in intensive technical assistance. Such assistance shall consist of—

“(A) a series of courses to further assist the producer in improving the competitiveness of the producer in producing—

“(i) the agricultural commodity with respect to which the producer was certified under this chapter; or

“(ii) another agricultural commodity; and

“(B) assistance in developing an initial business plan based on the courses completed under subparagraph (A).

“(3) **INITIAL BUSINESS PLAN.**—

“(A) **APPROVAL BY SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall approve an initial business plan developed under paragraph (2)(B) if the plan—

“(i) reflects the skills gained by the producer through the courses described in paragraph (2)(A); and

“(ii) demonstrates how the producer will apply those skills to the circumstances of the producer.

“(B) **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR IMPLEMENTING INITIAL BUSINESS PLAN.**—Upon approval of the producer's initial business plan by the Secretary under subparagraph (A), a producer shall be entitled to an amount not to exceed \$4,000 to—

“(i) implement the initial business plan; or

“(ii) develop a long-term business adjustment plan under paragraph (4).

“(4) **LONG-TERM BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PLAN.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—A producer that has completed intensive technical assistance under paragraph (2) and whose initial business plan has been approved under paragraph (3)(A) shall be eligible for, in addition to the amount under subparagraph (C), assistance in developing a long-term business adjustment plan.

“(B) **APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM BUSINESS ADJUSTMENT PLANS.**—The Secretary shall approve a long-term business adjustment plan developed under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines that the plan—

“(i) includes steps reasonably calculated to materially contribute to the economic adjustment of the producer to changing market conditions;

“(ii) takes into consideration the interests of the workers employed by the producer; and

“(iii) demonstrates that the producer will have sufficient resources to implement the business plan.

“(C) **PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.**—Upon approval of the producer's long-term business adjustment plan under subparagraph (B), a producer shall

be entitled to an amount not to exceed \$8,000 to implement the long-term business adjustment plan.

“(c) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.**—An agricultural commodity producer may receive not more than \$12,000 under paragraphs (3) and (4) of subsection (b) in the 36-month period following certification under section 293.

“(d) **LIMITATIONS ON OTHER ASSISTANCE.**—An agricultural commodity producer that receives benefits under this chapter (other than initial technical assistance under subsection (b)(1)) shall not be eligible for cash benefits under chapter 2 or 3.”

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents of the Trade Act of 1974 is amended by striking the item relating to section 296 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 296. Qualifying requirements and benefits for agricultural commodity producers.”

SEC. 1884. REPORT.

Section 293 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) **REPORT BY THE SECRETARY.**—Not later than January 30, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a report containing the following information with respect to adjustment assistance provided under this chapter during the preceding fiscal year:

“(1) A list of the agricultural commodities covered by a certification under this chapter.

“(2) The States or regions in which such commodities are produced and the aggregate amount of such commodities produced in each such State or region.

“(3) The total number of agricultural commodity producers, by congressional district, receiving benefits under this chapter.

“(4) The total number of agricultural commodity producers, by congressional district, receiving technical assistance under this chapter.”

SEC. 1885. FRAUD AND RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENTS.

Section 297(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401f(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “or has expended funds received under this chapter for a purpose that was not approved by the Secretary,” after “entitled.”

SEC. 1886. DETERMINATION OF INCREASES OF IMPORTS FOR CERTAIN FISHERMEN.

For purposes of chapters 2 and 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251 et seq.), in the case of an agricultural commodity producer that—

(1) is a fisherman or aquaculture producer, and

(2) is otherwise eligible for adjustment assistance under chapter 2 or 6, as the case may be, the increase in imports of articles like or directly competitive with the agricultural commodity produced by such producer may be based on imports of wild-caught seafood, farm-raised seafood, or both.

SEC. 1887. EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS.

Section 298(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2401g(a)) is amended by striking “fiscal years 2003 through 2007” and all that follows through the end period and inserting “fiscal years 2009 and 2010, and \$22,500,000 for the period beginning October 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2010, to carry out the purposes of this chapter, including administrative costs, and salaries and expenses of employees of the Department of Agriculture.”

PART V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 1891. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, and subsection (b) of this section, this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle—

(1) shall take effect upon the expiration of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) shall apply to—

(A) petitions for certification filed under chapter 2, 3, or 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 on or after the effective date described in paragraph (1); and

(B) petitions for assistance and proposals for grants filed under chapter 4 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 on or after such effective date.

(b) **CERTIFICATIONS MADE BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a)—

(1) a worker shall continue to receive (or be eligible to receive) trade adjustment assistance and other benefits under subchapter B of chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect on the day before the effective date described in subsection (a)(1), for any week for which the worker meets the eligibility requirements of such chapter 2 as in effect on the day before such effective date, if the worker—

(A) is certified as eligible for trade adjustment assistance benefits under such chapter 2 pursuant to a petition filed under section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or before such effective date; and

(B) would otherwise be eligible to receive trade adjustment assistance benefits under such chapter as in effect on the day before such effective date;

(2) a worker shall continue to receive (or be eligible to receive) benefits under section 246(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect on the day before the effective date described in subsection (a)(1), for such period for which the worker meets the eligibility requirements of section 246 of that Act as in effect on the day before such effective date, if the worker—

(A) is certified as eligible for benefits under such section 246 pursuant to a petition filed under section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or before such effective date; and

(B) would otherwise be eligible to receive benefits under such section 246(a)(2) as in effect on the day before such effective date; and

(3) a firm shall continue to receive (or be eligible to receive) adjustment assistance under chapter 3 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as in effect on the day before the effective date described in subsection (a)(1), for such period for which the firm meets the eligibility requirements of such chapter 3 as in effect on the day before such effective date, if the firm—

(A) is certified as eligible for benefits under such chapter 3 pursuant to a petition filed under section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 on or before such effective date; and

(B) would otherwise be eligible to receive benefits under such chapter 3 as in effect on the day before such effective date.

SEC. 1892. EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

(a) **FOR WORKERS.**—Section 245(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2317(a)) is amended by striking “December 31, 2007” and inserting “December 31, 2010”.

(b) **TERMINATION.**—Section 285 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 note prec.) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “December 31, 2007” each place it appears and inserting “December 31, 2010”; and

(2) by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

“(b) **OTHER ASSISTANCE.**—

“(1) **ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), technical assistance and grants may not be provided under chapter 3 after December 31, 2010.

“(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any technical assistance or grant approved under chapter 3 on or before December 31, 2010, may be provided—

“(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

“(ii) to the extent the recipient of the technical assistance or grant is otherwise eligible to

receive such technical assistance or grant, as the case may be.

“(2) **FARMERS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), technical assistance and financial assistance may not be provided under chapter 6 after December 31, 2010.

“(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any technical or financial assistance approved under chapter 6 on or before December 31, 2010, may be provided—

“(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

“(ii) to the extent the recipient of the technical or financial assistance is otherwise eligible to receive such technical or financial assistance, as the case may be.

“(3) **ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), technical assistance and grants may not be provided under chapter 4 after December 31, 2010.

“(B) **EXCEPTION.**—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any technical assistance or grant approved under chapter 4 on or before December 31, 2010, may be provided—

“(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

“(ii) to the extent the recipient of the technical assistance or grant is otherwise eligible to receive such technical assistance or grant, as the case may be.”

SEC. 1893. TERMINATION; RELATED PROVISIONS.

(a) **SUNSET.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), the amendments made by this subtitle to chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.) shall not apply on or after January 1, 2011.

(2) **EXCEPTION.**—The amendments made by this subtitle to section 285 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall continue to apply on and after January 1, 2011, with respect to—

(A) workers certified as eligible for trade adjustment assistance benefits under chapter 2 of title II of that Act pursuant to petitions filed under section 221 of that Act before January 1, 2011;

(B) firms certified as eligible for technical assistance or grants under chapter 3 of title II of that Act pursuant to petitions filed under section 251 of that Act before January 1, 2011;

(C) recipients approved for technical assistance or grants under chapter 4 of title II of that Act pursuant to petitions for assistance or proposals for grants (as the case may be) filed pursuant to such chapter before January 1, 2011; and

(D) agricultural commodity producers certified as eligible for technical or financial assistance under chapter 6 of title II of that Act pursuant to petitions filed under section 292 of that Act before January 1, 2011.

(b) **APPLICATION OF PRIOR LAW.**—Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2271 et seq.) shall be applied and administered beginning January 1, 2011, as if the amendments made by this subtitle (other than part VI) had never been enacted, except that in applying and administering such chapters—

(1) section 245 of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting “2011” for “2007”; and

(2) section 246(b) of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting “December 31, 2011” for “the date that is 5 years” and all that follows through “State”;

(3) section 256(b) of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting “the 1-year period beginning January 1, 2011” for “each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007, and \$4,000,000 for the 3-month period beginning October 1, 2007”; and

(4) section 298(a) of that Act shall be applied and administered by substituting “the 1-year period beginning January 1, 2011” for “each of the fiscal years” and all that follows through “October 1, 2007”; and

(5) subject to subsection (a)(2), section 285 of that Act shall be applied and administered—

(A) in subsection (a), by substituting “2011” for “2007” each place it appears; and

(B) by applying and administering subsection (b) as if it read as follows:

“(b) OTHER ASSISTANCE.—

“(1) ASSISTANCE FOR FIRMS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), assistance may not be provided under chapter 3 after December 31, 2011.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any assistance approved under chapter 3 on or before December 31, 2011, may be provided—

“(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

“(ii) to the extent the recipient of the assistance is otherwise eligible to receive such assistance.

“(2) FARMERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), assistance may not be provided under chapter 6 after December 31, 2011.

“(B) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any assistance approved under chapter 6 on or before December 31, 2011, may be provided—

“(i) to the extent funds are available pursuant to such chapter for such purpose; and

“(ii) to the extent the recipient of the assistance is otherwise eligible to receive such assistance.”.

SEC. 1894. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF FISCAL REPORT.

Not later than September 30, 2012, the Comptroller General of the United States shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives a comprehensive report on the operation and effectiveness of the amendments made by this subtitle to chapters 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Trade Act of 1974.

SEC. 1895. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.

Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subtitle are designated as an emergency requirement and necessary to meet emergency needs pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolutions on the budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009.

PART VI—HEALTH COVERAGE IMPROVEMENT

SEC. 1899. SHORT TITLE.

This part may be cited as the “TAA Health Coverage Improvement Act of 2009”.

SEC. 1899A. IMPROVEMENT OF THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE CREDIT.

(a) IMPROVEMENT OF AFFORDABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 35(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to credit for health insurance costs of eligible individuals) is amended by inserting “(80 percent in the case of eligible coverage months beginning before January 1, 2011)” after “65 percent”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 7527(b) of such Code (relating to advance payment of credit for health insurance costs of eligible individuals) is amended by inserting “(80 percent in the case of eligible coverage months beginning before January 1, 2011)” after “65 percent”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to coverage months beginning on or after the first day of the first month beginning 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899B. PAYMENT FOR MONTHLY PREMIUMS PAID PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF CREDIT.

(a) PAYMENT FOR PREMIUMS DUE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF CREDIT.—Section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to advance payment of credit for health insurance costs of eligible individuals) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) PAYMENT FOR PREMIUMS DUE PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ADVANCE PAYMENTS.—In

the case of eligible coverage months beginning before January 1, 2011—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The program established under subsection (a) shall provide that the Secretary shall make 1 or more retroactive payments on behalf of a certified individual in an aggregate amount equal to 80 percent of the premiums for coverage of the taxpayer and qualifying family members under qualified health insurance for eligible coverage months (as defined in section 35(b)) occurring prior to the first month for which an advance payment is made on behalf of such individual under subsection (a).

“(2) REDUCTION OF PAYMENT FOR AMOUNTS RECEIVED UNDER NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANTS.—The amount of any payment determined under paragraph (1) shall be reduced by the amount of any payment made to the taxpayer for the purchase of qualified health insurance under a national emergency grant pursuant to section 173(f) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 for a taxable year including the eligible coverage months described in paragraph (1).”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after December 31, 2008.

(c) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall not be required to make any payments under section 7527(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, until after the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899C. TAA RECIPIENTS NOT ENROLLED IN TRAINING PROGRAMS ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 35(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining eligible TAA recipient) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) ELIGIBLE TAA RECIPIENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term ‘eligible TAA recipient’ means, with respect to any month, any individual who is receiving for any day of such month a trade readjustment allowance under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974 or who would be eligible to receive such allowance if section 231 of such Act were applied without regard to subsection (a)(3)(B) of such section. An individual shall continue to be treated as an eligible TAA recipient during the first month that such individual would otherwise cease to be an eligible TAA recipient by reason of the preceding sentence.

“(B) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of any eligible coverage month beginning after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and before January 1, 2011, the term ‘eligible TAA recipient’ means, with respect to any month, any individual who—

“(i) is receiving for any day of such month a trade readjustment allowance under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974,

“(ii) would be eligible to receive such allowance except that such individual is in a break in training provided under a training program approved under section 236 of such Act that exceeds the period specified in section 233(e) of such Act, but is within the period for receiving such allowances provided under section 233(a) of such Act, or

“(iii) is receiving unemployment compensation (as defined in section 85(b)) for any day of such month and who would be eligible to receive such allowance for such month if section 231 of such Act were applied without regard to subsections (a)(3)(B) and (a)(5) thereof.

An individual shall continue to be treated as an eligible TAA recipient during the first month that such individual would otherwise cease to be an eligible TAA recipient by reason of the preceding sentence.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899D. TAA PRE-CERTIFICATION PERIOD RULE FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER THERE IS A 63-DAY LAPSE IN CREDITABLE COVERAGE.

(a) IRC AMENDMENT.—Section 9801(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to not counting periods before significant breaks in creditable coverage) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of plan years beginning before January 1, 2011—

“(i) TAA PRE-CERTIFICATION PERIOD RULE.—In the case of a TAA-eligible individual, the period beginning on the date the individual has a TAA-related loss of coverage and ending on the date which is 7 days after the date of the issuance by the Secretary (or by any person or entity designated by the Secretary) of a qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificate for such individual for purposes of section 7527 shall not be taken into account in determining the continuous period under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) DEFINITIONS.—The terms ‘TAA-eligible individual’ and ‘TAA-related loss of coverage’ have the meanings given such terms in section 4980B(f)(5)(C)(iv).”.

(b) ERISA AMENDMENT.—Section 701(c)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1181(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of plan years beginning before January 1, 2011—

“(i) TAA PRE-CERTIFICATION PERIOD RULE.—In the case of a TAA-eligible individual, the period beginning on the date the individual has a TAA-related loss of coverage and ending on the date that is 7 days after the date of the issuance by the Secretary (or by any person or entity designated by the Secretary) of a qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificate for such individual for purposes of section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not be taken into account in determining the continuous period under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) DEFINITIONS.—The terms ‘TAA-eligible individual’ and ‘TAA-related loss of coverage’ have the meanings given such terms in section 605(b)(4).”.

(c) PHSA AMENDMENT.—Section 2701(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of plan years beginning before January 1, 2011—

“(i) TAA PRE-CERTIFICATION PERIOD RULE.—In the case of a TAA-eligible individual, the period beginning on the date the individual has a TAA-related loss of coverage and ending on the date that is 7 days after the date of the issuance by the Secretary (or by any person or entity designated by the Secretary) of a qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificate for such individual for purposes of section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not be taken into account in determining the continuous period under subparagraph (A).

“(ii) DEFINITIONS.—The terms ‘TAA-eligible individual’ and ‘TAA-related loss of coverage’ have the meanings given such terms in section 2205(b)(4).”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to plan years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899E. CONTINUED QUALIFICATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER CERTAIN EVENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (g) of section 35 of such Code is amended by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (10) and inserting after paragraph (8) the following new paragraph:

“(9) CONTINUED QUALIFICATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER CERTAIN EVENTS.—In the case of eligible coverage months beginning before January 1, 2011—

“(A) MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY.—In the case of any month which would be an eligible coverage

month with respect to an eligible individual but for subsection (f)(2)(A), such month shall be treated as an eligible coverage month with respect to such eligible individual solely for purposes of determining the amount of the credit under this section with respect to any qualifying family members of such individual (and any advance payment of such credit under section 7527). This subparagraph shall only apply with respect to the first 24 months after such eligible individual is first entitled to the benefits described in subsection (f)(2)(A).

“(B) DIVORCE.—In the case of the finalization of a divorce between an eligible individual and such individual’s spouse, such spouse shall be treated as an eligible individual for purposes of this section and section 7527 for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of such finalization, except that the only qualifying family members who may be taken into account with respect to such spouse are those individuals who were qualifying family members immediately before such finalization.

“(C) DEATH.—In the case of the death of an eligible individual—

“(i) any spouse of such individual (determined at the time of such death) shall be treated as an eligible individual for purposes of this section and section 7527 for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of such death, except that the only qualifying family members who may be taken into account with respect to such spouse are those individuals who were qualifying family members immediately before such death, and

“(ii) any individual who was a qualifying family member of the decedent immediately before such death (or, in the case of an individual to whom paragraph (4) applies, the taxpayer to whom the deduction under section 151 is allowable) shall be treated as an eligible individual for purposes of this section and section 7527 for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of such death, except that in determining the amount of such credit only such qualifying family member may be taken into account.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 173(f) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) CONTINUED QUALIFICATION OF FAMILY MEMBERS AFTER CERTAIN EVENTS.—In the case of eligible coverage months beginning before January 1, 2011—

“(A) MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY.—In the case of any month which would be an eligible coverage month with respect to an eligible individual but for paragraph (7)(B)(i), such month shall be treated as an eligible coverage month with respect to such eligible individual solely for purposes of determining the eligibility of qualifying family members of such individual under this subsection. This subparagraph shall only apply with respect to the first 24 months after such eligible individual is first entitled to the benefits described in paragraph (7)(B)(i).

“(B) DIVORCE.—In the case of the finalization of a divorce between an eligible individual and such individual’s spouse, such spouse shall be treated as an eligible individual for purposes of this subsection for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of such finalization, except that the only qualifying family members who may be taken into account with respect to such spouse are those individuals who were qualifying family members immediately before such finalization.

“(C) DEATH.—In the case of the death of an eligible individual—

“(i) any spouse of such individual (determined at the time of such death) shall be treated as an eligible individual for purposes of this subsection for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of such death, except that the only qualifying family members who may be taken into account with respect to such spouse are those individuals who were qualifying family members immediately before such death, and

“(ii) any individual who was a qualifying family member of the decedent immediately before such death shall be treated as an eligible individual for purposes this subsection for a period of 24 months beginning with the date of such death, except that no qualifying family members may be taken into account with respect to such individual.”

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to months beginning after December 31, 2009.

SEC. 1899F. EXTENSION OF COBRA BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS AND PBGC RECIPIENTS.

(a) ERISA AMENDMENTS.—Section 602(2)(A) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1162(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by moving clause (v) to after clause (iv) and before the flush left sentence beginning with “In the case of a qualified beneficiary”;

(2) by striking “In the case of a qualified beneficiary” and inserting the following:

“(vi) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISABILITY.—In the case of a qualified beneficiary”;

(3) by redesignating clauses (v) and (vi), as amended by paragraphs (1) and (2), as clauses (vii) and (viii), respectively, and by inserting after clause (iv) the following new clauses:

“(v) SPECIAL RULE FOR PBGC RECIPIENTS.—In the case of a qualifying event described in section 603(2) with respect to a covered employee who (as of such qualifying event) has a non-forfeitable right to a benefit any portion of which is to be paid by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation under title IV, notwithstanding clause (i) or (ii), the date of the death of the covered employee, or in the case of the surviving spouse or dependent children of the covered employee, 24 months after the date of the death of the covered employee. The preceding sentence shall not require any period of coverage to extend beyond December 31, 2010.

“(vi) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of a qualifying event described in section 603(2) with respect to a covered employee who is (as of the date that the period of coverage would, but for this clause or clause (vii), otherwise terminate under clause (i) or (ii)) a TAA-eligible individual (as defined in section 605(b)(4)(B)), the period of coverage shall not terminate by reason of clause (i) or (ii), as the case may be, before the later of the date specified in such clause or the date on which such individual ceases to be such a TAA-eligible individual. The preceding sentence shall not require any period of coverage to extend beyond December 31, 2010.”

(b) IRC AMENDMENTS.—Clause (i) of section 4980B(f)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by striking “In the case of a qualified beneficiary” and inserting the following:

“(VI) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISABILITY.—In the case of a qualified beneficiary”, and

(2) by redesignating subclauses (V) and (VI), as amended by paragraph (1), as subclauses (VII) and (VIII), respectively, and by inserting after clause (IV) the following new subclauses:

“(V) SPECIAL RULE FOR PBGC RECIPIENTS.—In the case of a qualifying event described in paragraph (3)(B) with respect to a covered employee who (as of such qualifying event) has a non-forfeitable right to a benefit any portion of which is to be paid by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation under title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, notwithstanding subclause (I) or (II), the date of the death of the covered employee, or in the case of the surviving spouse or dependent children of the covered employee, 24 months after the date of the death of the covered employee. The preceding sentence shall not require any period of coverage to extend beyond December 31, 2010.

“(VI) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of a qualifying event described in paragraph (3)(B) with respect to a covered employee who is (as of the date that the

period of coverage would, but for this subclause or subclause (VII), otherwise terminate under subclause (I) or (II)) a TAA-eligible individual (as defined in paragraph (5)(C)(iv)(II)), the period of coverage shall not terminate by reason of subclause (I) or (II), as the case may be, before the later of the date specified in such subclause or the date on which such individual ceases to be such a TAA-eligible individual. The preceding sentence shall not require any period of coverage to extend beyond December 31, 2010.”

(c) PHSA AMENDMENTS.—Section 2202(2)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb-2(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking “In the case of a qualified beneficiary” and inserting the following:

“(v) SPECIAL RULE FOR DISABILITY.—In the case of a qualified beneficiary”;

(2) by redesignating clauses (iv) and (v), as amended by paragraph (1), as clauses (v) and (vi), respectively, and by inserting after clause (iii) the following new clause:

“(iv) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—In the case of a qualifying event described in section 2203(2) with respect to a covered employee who is (as of the date that the period of coverage would, but for this clause or clause (v), otherwise terminate under clause (i) or (ii)) a TAA-eligible individual (as defined in section 2205(b)(4)(B)), the period of coverage shall not terminate by reason of clause (i) or (ii), as the case may be, before the later of the date specified in such clause or the date on which such individual ceases to be such a TAA-eligible individual. The preceding sentence shall not require any period of coverage to extend beyond December 31, 2010.”

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to periods of coverage which would (without regard to the amendments made by this section) end on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899G. ADDITION OF COVERAGE THROUGH VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES’ BENEFICIARY ASSOCIATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 35(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(K) In the case of eligible coverage months beginning before January 1, 2011, coverage under an employee benefit plan funded by a voluntary employees’ beneficiary association (as defined in section 501(c)(9)) established pursuant to an order of a bankruptcy court, or by agreement with an authorized representative, as provided in section 1114 of title 11, United States Code.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to coverage months beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899H. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (d) of section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificate) is amended to read as follows:

“(d) QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified health insurance costs eligibility certificate’ means any written statement that an individual is an eligible individual (as defined in section 35(c)) if such statement provides such information as the Secretary may require for purposes of this section and—

“(A) in the case of an eligible TAA recipient (as defined in section 35(c)(2)) or an eligible alternative TAA recipient (as defined in section 35(c)(3)), is certified by the Secretary of Labor (or by any other person or entity designated by the Secretary), or

“(B) in the case of an eligible PBGC pension recipient (as defined in section 35(c)(4)), is certified by the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (or by any other person or entity designated by the Secretary).

“(2) INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—In the case of any statement described in paragraph (1) which is issued before January 1, 2011, such statement shall not be treated as a qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificate unless such statement includes—

“(A) the name, address, and telephone number of the State office or offices responsible for providing the individual with assistance with enrollment in qualified health insurance (as defined in section 35(e)),

“(B) a list of the coverage options that are treated as qualified health insurance (as so defined) by the State in which the individual resides, and

“(C) in the case of a TAA-eligible individual (as defined in section 4980B(f)(5)(C)(iv)(II)), a statement informing the individual that the individual has 63 days from the date that is 7 days after the date of the issuance of such certificate to enroll in such insurance without a lapse in creditable coverage (as defined in section 9801(c)).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to certificates issued after the date that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1899I. SURVEY AND REPORT ON ENHANCED HEALTH COVERAGE TAX CREDIT PROGRAM.

(a) SURVEY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall conduct a biennial survey of eligible individuals (as defined in section 35(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) relating to the health coverage tax credit under section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “health coverage tax credit”).

(2) INFORMATION OBTAINED.—The survey conducted under subsection (a) shall obtain the following information:

(A) HCTC PARTICIPANTS.—In the case of eligible individuals receiving the health coverage tax credit (including individuals participating in the health coverage tax credit program under section 7527 of such Code, hereinafter in this section referred to as the “HCTC program”)—

(i) demographic information of such individuals, including income and education levels,

(ii) satisfaction of such individuals with the enrollment process in the HCTC program,

(iii) satisfaction of such individuals with available health coverage options under the credit, including level of premiums, benefits, deductibles, cost-sharing requirements, and the adequacy of provider networks, and

(iv) any other information that the Secretary determines is appropriate.

(B) NON-HCTC PARTICIPANTS.—In the case of eligible individuals not receiving the health coverage tax credit—

(i) demographic information of each individual, including income and education levels,

(ii) whether the individual was aware of the health coverage tax credit or the HCTC program,

(iii) the reasons the individual has not enrolled in the HCTC program, including whether such reasons include the burden of the process of enrollment and the affordability of coverage,

(iv) whether the individual has health insurance coverage, and, if so, the source of such coverage, and

(v) any other information that the Secretary determines is appropriate.

(3) REPORT.—Not later than December 31 of each year in which a survey is conducted under paragraph (1) (beginning in 2010), the Secretary of the Treasury shall report to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Education and Labor, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives the findings of the most recent survey conducted under paragraph (1).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each year (beginning in 2010), the Secretary of the

Treasury (after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and, in the case of the information required under paragraph (7), the Secretary of Labor) shall report to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Education and Labor, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives the following information with respect to the most recent taxable year ending before such date:

(1) In each State and nationally—

(A) the total number of eligible individuals (as defined in section 35(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) and the number of eligible individuals receiving the health coverage tax credit,

(B) the total number of such eligible individuals who receive an advance payment of the health coverage tax credit through the HCTC program,

(C) the average length of the time period of the participation of eligible individuals in the HCTC program, and

(D) the total number of participating eligible individuals in the HCTC program who are enrolled in each category of coverage as described in section 35(e)(1) of such Code,

with respect to each category of eligible individuals described in section 35(c)(1) of such Code.

(2) In each State and nationally, an analysis of—

(A) the range of monthly health insurance premiums, for self-only coverage and for family coverage, for individuals receiving the health coverage tax credit, and

(B) the average and median monthly health insurance premiums, for self-only coverage and for family coverage, for individuals receiving the health coverage tax credit, with respect to each category of coverage as described in section 35(e)(1) of such Code.

(3) In each State and nationally, an analysis of the following information with respect to the health insurance coverage of individuals receiving the health coverage tax credit who are enrolled in coverage described in subparagraphs (B) through (H) of section 35(e)(1) of such Code:

(A) Deductible amounts.

(B) Other out-of-pocket cost-sharing amounts.

(C) A description of any annual or lifetime limits on coverage or any other significant limits on coverage services, or benefits.

The information required under this paragraph shall be reported with respect to each category of coverage described in such subparagraphs.

(4) In each State and nationally, the gender and average age of eligible individuals (as defined in section 35(c) of such Code) who receive the health coverage tax credit, in each category of coverage described in section 35(e)(1) of such Code, with respect to each category of eligible individuals described in such section.

(5) The steps taken by the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the participation rates in the HCTC program among eligible individuals, including outreach and enrollment activities.

(6) The cost of administering the HCTC program by function, including the cost of subcontractors, and recommendations on ways to reduce administrative costs, including recommended statutory changes.

(7) The number of States applying for and receiving national emergency grants under section 173(f) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918(f)), the activities funded by such grants on a State-by-State basis, and the time necessary for application approval of such grants.

SEC. 1899J. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There is authorized to be appropriated \$80,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2010 to implement the amendments made by, and the provisions of, sections 1899 through 1899I of this part.

SEC. 1899K. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY GRANTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 173(f) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2918(f)), as amended by this Act, is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(1) USE OF FUNDS.—

“(A) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE THAT HAS GUARANTEED ISSUE AND OTHER CONSUMER PROTECTIONS.—Funds made available to a State or entity under paragraph (4)(A) of subsection (a) may be used to provide an eligible individual described in paragraph (4)(C) and such individual’s qualifying family members with health insurance coverage for the 3-month period that immediately precedes the first eligible coverage month (as defined in section 35(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) in which such eligible individual and such individual’s qualifying family members are covered by qualified health insurance that meets the requirements described in clauses (i) through (v) of section 35(e)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or such longer minimum period as is necessary in order for such eligible individual and such individual’s qualifying family members to be covered by qualified health insurance that meets such requirements).

“(B) ADDITIONAL USES.—Funds made available to a State or entity under paragraph (4)(A) of subsection (a) may be used by the State or entity for the following:

“(i) HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—To assist an eligible individual and such individual’s qualifying family members with enrolling in health insurance coverage and qualified health insurance or paying premiums for such coverage or insurance.

“(ii) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND START-UP EXPENSES TO ESTABLISH GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE.—To pay the administrative expenses related to the enrollment of eligible individuals and such individuals’ qualifying family members in health insurance coverage and qualified health insurance, including—

“(I) eligibility verification activities;

“(II) the notification of eligible individuals of available health insurance and qualified health insurance options;

“(III) processing qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificates provided for under section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

“(IV) providing assistance to eligible individuals in enrolling in health insurance coverage and qualified health insurance;

“(V) the development or installation of necessary data management systems; and

“(VI) any other expenses determined appropriate by the Secretary, including start-up costs and on going administrative expenses, in order for the State to treat the coverage described in subparagraphs (C) through (H) of section 35(e)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as qualified health insurance under that section.

“(iii) OUTREACH.—To pay for outreach to eligible individuals to inform such individuals of available health insurance and qualified health insurance options, including outreach consisting of notice to eligible individuals of such options made available after the date of enactment of this clause and direct assistance to help potentially eligible individuals and such individual’s qualifying family members qualify and remain eligible for the credit established under section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and advance payment of such credit under section 7527 of such Code.

“(iv) BRIDGE FUNDING.—To assist potentially eligible individuals to purchase qualified health

insurance coverage prior to issuance of a qualified health insurance costs credit eligibility certificate under section 7527 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and commencement of advance payment, and receipt of expedited payment, under subsections (a) and (e), respectively, of that section.

“(C) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—The inclusion of a permitted use under this paragraph shall not be construed as prohibiting a similar use of funds permitted under subsection (g).”; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(2) **QUALIFIED HEALTH INSURANCE.**—For purposes of this subsection and subsection (g), the term ‘qualified health insurance’ has the meaning given that term in section 35(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”.

(b) **FUNDING.**—Section 174(c)(1) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2919(c)(1)) is amended—

(1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002” and inserting “APPROPRIATIONS”; and

(2) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

“(A) to carry out subsection (a)(4)(A) of section 173—

“(i) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2002; and
“(ii) \$150,000,000 for the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2010; and”.

SEC. 1899L. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.

(a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study regarding the health insurance tax credit allowed under section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than March 1, 2010, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress regarding the results of the study conducted under subsection (a). Such report shall include an analysis of—

(1) the administrative costs—

(A) of the Federal Government with respect to such credit and the advance payment of such credit under section 7527 of such Code, and

(B) of providers of qualified health insurance with respect to providing such insurance to eligible individuals and their qualifying family members,

(2) the health status and relative risk status of eligible individuals and qualifying family members covered under such insurance,

(3) participation in such credit and the advance payment of such credit by eligible individuals and their qualifying family members, including the reasons why such individuals did or did not participate and the effect of the amendments made by this part on such participation, and

(4) the extent to which eligible individuals and their qualifying family members—

(A) obtained health insurance other than qualifying health insurance, or

(B) went without health insurance coverage.

(c) **ACCESS TO RECORDS.**—For purposes of conducting the study required under this section, the Comptroller General and any of his duly authorized representatives shall have access to, and the right to examine and copy, all documents, records, and other recorded information—

(1) within the possession or control of providers of qualified health insurance, and

(2) determined by the Comptroller General (or any such representative) to be relevant to the study.

The Comptroller General shall not disclose the identity of any provider of qualified health insurance or any eligible individual in making any information obtained under this section available to the public.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—Any term which is defined in section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning when used in this section.

TITLE II—ASSISTANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS AND STRUGGLING FAMILIES

SEC. 2000. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS OF TITLE.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This title may be cited as the “Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS OF TITLE.**—The table of contents of this title is as follows:

TITLE II—ASSISTANCE FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS AND STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Sec. 2000. Short title; table of contents of title.

Subtitle A—Unemployment Insurance

Sec. 2001. Extension of emergency unemployment compensation program.

Sec. 2002. Increase in unemployment compensation benefits.

Sec. 2003. Special transfers for unemployment compensation modernization.

Sec. 2004. Temporary assistance for states with advances.

Sec. 2005. Full Federal funding of extended unemployment compensation for a limited period.

Sec. 2006. Temporary increase in extended unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

Subtitle B—Assistance for Vulnerable Individuals

Sec. 2101. Emergency fund for TANF program.

Sec. 2102. Extension of TANF supplemental grants.

Sec. 2103. Clarification of authority of States to use TANF funds carried over from prior years to provide TANF benefits and services.

Sec. 2104. Temporary resumption of prior child support law.

Subtitle C—Economic Recovery Payments to Certain Individuals

Sec. 2201. Economic recovery payment to recipients of social security, supplemental security income, railroad retirement benefits, and veterans disability compensation or pension benefits.

Sec. 2202. Special credit for certain government retirees.

Subtitle A—Unemployment Insurance

SEC. 2001. EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4007 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-252; 26 U.S.C. 3304 note), as amended by section 4 of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-449; 122 Stat. 5015), is amended—

(1) by striking “March 31, 2009” each place it appears and inserting “December 31, 2009”;

(2) in the heading for subsection (b)(2), by striking “MARCH 31, 2009” and inserting “DECEMBER 31, 2009”; and

(3) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “August 27, 2009” and inserting “May 31, 2010”.

(b) **FINANCING PROVISIONS.**—Section 4004 of such Act is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **TRANSFER OF FUNDS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general fund of the Treasury (from funds not otherwise appropriated)—

“(1) to the extended unemployment compensation account (as established by section 905 of the Social Security Act) such sums as the Secretary of Labor estimates to be necessary to make payments to States under this title by reason of the amendments made by section 2001(a) of the Assistance for Unemployed Workers and Struggling Families Act; and

“(2) to the employment security administration account (as established by section 901 of the Social Security Act) such sums as the Secretary

of Labor estimates to be necessary for purposes of assisting States in meeting administrative costs by reason of the amendments referred to in paragraph (1).

There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, the sums referred to in the preceding sentence and such sums shall not be required to be repaid.”.

SEC. 2002. INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

(a) **FEDERAL-STATE AGREEMENTS.**—Any State which desires to do so may enter into and participate in an agreement under this section with the Secretary of Labor (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “Secretary”). Any State which is a party to an agreement under this section may, upon providing 30 days’ written notice to the Secretary, terminate such agreement.

(b) **PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT.**—

(1) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.**—Any agreement under this section shall provide that the State agency of the State will make payments of regular compensation to individuals in amounts and to the extent that they would be determined if the State law of the State were applied, with respect to any week for which the individual is (disregarding this section) otherwise entitled under the State law to receive regular compensation, as if such State law had been modified in a manner such that the amount of regular compensation (including dependents’ allowances) payable for any week shall be equal to the amount determined under the State law (before the application of this paragraph) plus an additional \$25.

(2) **ALLOWABLE METHODS OF PAYMENT.**—Any additional compensation provided for in accordance with paragraph (1) shall be payable either—

(A) as an amount which is paid at the same time and in the same manner as any regular compensation otherwise payable for the week involved; or

(B) at the option of the State, by payments which are made separately from, but on the same weekly basis as, any regular compensation otherwise payable.

(c) **NONREDUCTION RULE.**—An agreement under this section shall not apply (or shall cease to apply) with respect to a State upon a determination by the Secretary that the method governing the computation of regular compensation under the State law of that State has been modified in a manner such that—

(1) the average weekly benefit amount of regular compensation which will be payable during the period of the agreement (determined disregarding any additional amounts attributable to the modification described in subsection (b)(1)) will be less than

(2) the average weekly benefit amount of regular compensation which would otherwise have been payable during such period under the State law, as in effect on December 31, 2008.

(d) **PAYMENTS TO STATES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—

(A) **FULL REIMBURSEMENT.**—There shall be paid to each State which has entered into an agreement under this section an amount equal to 100 percent of—

(i) the total amount of additional compensation (as described in subsection (b)(1)) paid to individuals by the State pursuant to such agreement; and

(ii) any additional administrative expenses incurred by the State by reason of such agreement (as determined by the Secretary).

(B) **TERMS OF PAYMENTS.**—Sums payable to any State by reason of such State’s having an agreement under this section shall be payable, either in advance or by way of reimbursement (as determined by the Secretary), in such amounts as the Secretary estimates the State will be entitled to receive under this section for each calendar month, reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any amount by which the Secretary finds that his estimates for any prior calendar month were greater or less than the

amounts which should have been paid to the State. Such estimates may be made on the basis of such statistical, sampling, or other method as may be agreed upon by the Secretary and the State agency of the State involved.

(2) **CERTIFICATIONS.**—The Secretary shall from time to time certify to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to each State the sums payable to such State under this section.

(3) **APPROPRIATION.**—There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, such sums as may be necessary for purposes of this subsection.

(e) **APPLICABILITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—An agreement entered into under this section shall apply to weeks of unemployment—

(A) beginning after the date on which such agreement is entered into; and

(B) ending before January 1, 2010.

(2) **TRANSITION RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS REMAINING ENTITLED TO REGULAR COMPENSATION AS OF JANUARY 1, 2010.**—In the case of any individual who, as of the date specified in paragraph (1)(B), has not yet exhausted all rights to regular compensation under the State law of a State with respect to a benefit year that began before such date, additional compensation (as described in subsection (b)(1)) shall continue to be payable to such individual for any week beginning on or after such date for which the individual is otherwise eligible for regular compensation with respect to such benefit year.

(3) **TERMINATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, no additional compensation (as described in subsection (b)(1)) shall be payable for any week beginning after June 30, 2010.

(f) **FRAUD AND OVERPAYMENTS.**—The provisions of section 4005 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 122 Stat. 2356) shall apply with respect to additional compensation (as described in subsection (b)(1)) to the same extent and in the same manner as in the case of emergency unemployment compensation.

(g) **APPLICATION TO OTHER UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Each agreement under this section shall include provisions to provide that the purposes of the preceding provisions of this section shall be applied with respect to unemployment benefits described in subsection (i)(3) to the same extent and in the same manner as if those benefits were regular compensation.

(2) **ELIGIBILITY AND TERMINATION RULES.**—Additional compensation (as described in subsection (b)(1))—

(A) shall not be payable, pursuant to this subsection, with respect to any unemployment benefits described in subsection (i)(3) for any week beginning on or after the date specified in subsection (e)(1)(B), except in the case of an individual who was eligible to receive additional compensation (as so described) in connection with any regular compensation or any unemployment benefits described in subsection (i)(3) for any period of unemployment ending before such date; and

(B) shall in no event be payable for any week beginning after the date specified in subsection (e)(3).

(h) **DISREGARD OF ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR PURPOSES OF MEDICAID AND SCHIP.**—The monthly equivalent of any additional compensation paid under this section shall be disregarded in considering the amount of income of an individual for any purposes under title XIX and title XXI of the Social Security Act.

(i) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “compensation”, “regular compensation”, “benefit year”, “State”, “State agency”, “State law”, and “week” have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note);

(2) the term “emergency unemployment compensation” means emergency unemployment compensation under title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252; 122 Stat. 2353); and

(3) any reference to unemployment benefits described in this paragraph shall be considered to refer to—

(A) extended compensation (as defined by section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970); and

(B) unemployment compensation (as defined by section 85(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) provided under any program administered by a State under an agreement with the Secretary.

SEC. 2003. SPECIAL TRANSFERS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION MODERNIZATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1103) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Special Transfers in Fiscal Years 2009, 2010, and 2011 for Modernization

“(f)(1)(A) In addition to any other amounts, the Secretary of Labor shall provide for the making of unemployment compensation modernization incentive payments (hereinafter “incentive payments”) to the accounts of the States in the Unemployment Trust Fund, by transfer from amounts reserved for that purpose in the Federal unemployment account, in accordance with succeeding provisions of this subsection.

“(B) The maximum incentive payment allowable under this subsection with respect to any State shall, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$7,000,000,000 by the same ratio as would apply under subsection (a)(2)(B) for purposes of determining such State’s share of any excess amount (as described in subsection (a)(1)) that would have been subject to transfer to State accounts, as of October 1, 2008, under the provisions of subsection (a).

“(C) Of the maximum incentive payment determined under subparagraph (B) with respect to a State—

“(i) one-third shall be transferred to the account of such State upon a certification under paragraph (4)(B) that the State law of such State meets the requirements of paragraph (2); and

“(ii) the remainder shall be transferred to the account of such State upon a certification under paragraph (4)(B) that the State law of such State meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

“(2) The State law of a State meets the requirements of this paragraph if such State law—

“(A) uses a base period that includes the most recently completed calendar quarter before the start of the benefit year for purposes of determining eligibility for unemployment compensation; or

“(B) provides that, in the case of an individual who would not otherwise be eligible for unemployment compensation under the State law because of the use of a base period that does not include the most recently completed calendar quarter before the start of the benefit year, eligibility shall be determined using a base period that includes such calendar quarter.

“(3) The State law of a State meets the requirements of this paragraph if such State law includes provisions to carry out at least 2 of the following subparagraphs:

“(A) An individual shall not be denied regular unemployment compensation under any State law provisions relating to availability for work, active search for work, or refusal to accept work, solely because such individual is seeking only part-time work (as defined by the Secretary of Labor), except that the State law provisions carrying out this subparagraph may exclude an individual if a majority of the weeks of work in such individual’s base period do not include part-time work (as so defined).

“(B) An individual shall not be disqualified from regular unemployment compensation for

separating from employment if that separation is for any compelling family reason. For purposes of this subparagraph, the term ‘compelling family reason’ means the following:

“(i) Domestic violence, verified by such reasonable and confidential documentation as the State law may require, which causes the individual reasonably to believe that such individual’s continued employment would jeopardize the safety of the individual or of any member of the individual’s immediate family (as defined by the Secretary of Labor).

“(ii) The illness or disability of a member of the individual’s immediate family (as those terms are defined by the Secretary of Labor).

“(iii) The need for the individual to accompany such individual’s spouse—

“(I) to a place from which it is impractical for such individual to commute; and

“(II) due to a change in location of the spouse’s employment.

“(C)(i) Weekly unemployment compensation is payable under this subparagraph to any individual who is unemployed (as determined under the State unemployment compensation law), has exhausted all rights to regular unemployment compensation under the State law, and is enrolled and making satisfactory progress in a State-approved training program or in a job training program authorized under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, except that such compensation is not required to be paid to an individual who is receiving similar stipends or other training allowances for non-training costs.

“(ii) Each State-approved training program or job training program referred to in clause (i) shall prepare individuals who have been separated from a declining occupation, or who have been involuntarily and indefinitely separated from employment as a result of a permanent reduction of operations at the individual’s place of employment, for entry into a high-demand occupation.

“(iii) The amount of unemployment compensation payable under this subparagraph to an individual for a week of unemployment shall be equal to—

“(I) the individual’s average weekly benefit amount (including dependents’ allowances) for the most recent benefit year, less

“(II) any deductible income, as determined under State law.

The total amount of unemployment compensation payable under this subparagraph to any individual shall be equal to at least 26 times the individual’s average weekly benefit amount (including dependents’ allowances) for the most recent benefit year.

“(D) Dependents’ allowances are provided, in the case of any individual who is entitled to receive regular unemployment compensation and who has any dependents (as defined by State law), in an amount equal to at least \$15 per dependent per week, subject to any aggregate limitation on such allowances which the State law may establish (but which aggregate limitation on the total allowance for dependents paid to an individual may not be less than \$50 for each week of unemployment or 50 percent of the individual’s weekly benefit amount for the benefit year, whichever is less), except that a State law may provide for a reasonable reduction in the amount of any such allowance for a week of less than total unemployment.

“(4)(A) Any State seeking an incentive payment under this subsection shall submit an application therefor at such time, in such manner, and complete with such information as the Secretary of Labor may within 60 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection prescribe (whether by regulation or otherwise), including information relating to compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3), as well as how the State intends to use the incentive payment to improve or strengthen the State’s unemployment compensation program. The Secretary of Labor shall, within 30 days after receiving a complete application, notify the State

agency of the State of the Secretary's findings with respect to the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3) (or both).

"(B)(i) If the Secretary of Labor finds that the State law provisions (disregarding any State law provisions which are not then currently in effect as permanent law or which are subject to discontinuation) meet the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3), as the case may be, the Secretary of Labor shall thereupon make a certification to that effect to the Secretary of the Treasury, together with a certification as to the amount of the incentive payment to be transferred to the State account pursuant to that finding. The Secretary of the Treasury shall make the appropriate transfer within 7 days after receiving such certification.

"(ii) For purposes of clause (i), State law provisions which are to take effect within 12 months after the date of their certification under this subparagraph shall be considered to be in effect as of the date of such certification.

"(C)(i) No certification of compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2) or (3) may be made with respect to any State whose State law is not otherwise eligible for certification under section 303 or approvable under section 3304 of the Federal Unemployment Tax Act.

"(ii) No certification of compliance with the requirements of paragraph (3) may be made with respect to any State whose State law is not in compliance with the requirements of paragraph (2).

"(iii) No application under subparagraph (A) may be considered if submitted before the date of the enactment of this subsection or after the latest date necessary (as specified by the Secretary of Labor) to ensure that all incentive payments under this subsection are made before October 1, 2011.

"(5)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), any amount transferred to the account of a State under this subsection may be used by such State only in the payment of cash benefits to individuals with respect to their unemployment (including for dependents' allowances and for unemployment compensation under paragraph (3)(C)), exclusive of expenses of administration.

"(B) A State may, subject to the same conditions as set forth in subsection (c)(2) (excluding subparagraph (B) thereof, and deeming the reference to 'subsections (a) and (b)' in subparagraph (D) thereof to include this subsection), use any amount transferred to the account of such State under this subsection for the administration of its unemployment compensation law and public employment offices.

"(6) Out of any money in the Federal unemployment account not otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury shall reserve \$7,000,000,000 for incentive payments under this subsection. Any amount so reserved shall not be taken into account for purposes of any determination under section 902, 910, or 1203 of the amount in the Federal unemployment account as of any given time. Any amount so reserved for which the Secretary of the Treasury has not received a certification under paragraph (4)(B) by the deadline described in paragraph (4)(C)(iii) shall, upon the close of fiscal year 2011, become unrestricted as to use as part of the Federal unemployment account.

"(7) For purposes of this subsection, the terms 'benefit year', 'base period', and 'week' have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note).

Special Transfer in Fiscal Year 2009 for Administration

"(g)(1) In addition to any other amounts, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the employment security administration account to the account of each State in the Unemployment Trust Fund, within 30 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the amount determined with respect to such State under paragraph (2).

"(2) The amount to be transferred under this subsection to a State account shall (as determined by the Secretary of Labor and certified by such Secretary to the Secretary of the Treasury) be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$500,000,000 by the same ratio as determined under subsection (f)(1)(B) with respect to such State.

"(3) Any amount transferred to the account of a State as a result of the enactment of this subsection may be used by the State agency of such State only in the payment of expenses incurred by it for—

"(A) the administration of the provisions of its State law carrying out the purposes of subsection (f)(2) or any subparagraph of subsection (f)(3);

"(B) improved outreach to individuals who might be eligible for regular unemployment compensation by virtue of any provisions of the State law which are described in subparagraph (A);

"(C) the improvement of unemployment benefit and unemployment tax operations, including responding to increased demand for unemployment compensation; and

"(D) staff-assisted reemployment services for unemployment compensation claimants."

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor may prescribe any regulations, operating instructions, or other guidance necessary to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a).

SEC. 2004. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR STATES WITH ADVANCES.

Section 1202(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1322(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(10)(A) With respect to the period beginning on the date of enactment of this paragraph and ending on December 31, 2010—

"(i) any interest payment otherwise due from a State under this subsection during such period shall be deemed to have been made by the State; and

"(ii) no interest shall accrue during such period on any advance or advances made under section 1201 to a State.

"(B) The provisions of subparagraph (A) shall have no effect on the requirement for interest payments under this subsection after the period described in such subparagraph or on the accrual of interest under this subsection after such period."

SEC. 2005. FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR A LIMITED PERIOD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of sharable extended compensation and sharable regular compensation paid for weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this section and before January 1, 2010, section 204(a)(1) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) shall be applied by substituting "100 percent of" for "one-half of".

(b) SPECIAL RULE.—At the option of a State, for any weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this section and before January 1, 2010, an individual's eligibility period (as described in section 203(c) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970) shall, for purposes of any determination of eligibility for extended compensation under the State law of such State, be considered to include any week which begins—

(1) after the date as of which such individual exhausts all rights to emergency unemployment compensation; and

(2) during an extended benefit period that began on or before the date described in paragraph (1).

(c) LIMITED EXTENSION.—In the case of an individual who receives extended compensation with respect to 1 or more weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act and before January 1, 2010, the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) shall, at the option of a State, be applied by substituting

"ending before June 1, 2010" for "before January 1, 2010".

(d) EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR STATES WITH NO WAITING WEEK.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-449) is amended by striking "December 8, 2009" and inserting "May 30, 2010".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-449).

(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms "sharable extended compensation" and "sharable regular compensation" have the respective meanings given such terms under section 204 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

(2) the terms "extended compensation", "State", "State law", and "week" have the respective meanings given such terms under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

(3) the term "emergency unemployment compensation" means benefits payable to individuals under title IV of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 with respect to their unemployment; and

(4) the term "extended benefit period" means an extended benefit period as determined in accordance with applicable provisions of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970.

(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor may prescribe any operating instructions or regulations necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 2006. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(c)(2) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 352(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(D) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.—

"(i) EMPLOYEES WITH 10 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE.—Subject to clause (iii), in the case of an employee who has 10 or more years of service (as so defined), with respect to extended unemployment benefits—

"(I) subparagraph (A) shall be applied by substituting '130 days of unemployment' for '65 days of unemployment'; and

"(II) subparagraph (B) shall be applied by inserting '(or, in the case of unemployment benefits, 13 consecutive 14-day periods)' after '7 consecutive 14-day periods'.

"(ii) EMPLOYEES WITH LESS THAN 10 YEARS OF SERVICE.—Subject to clause (iii), in the case of an employee who has less than 10 years of service (as so defined), with respect to extended unemployment benefits, this paragraph shall apply to such an employee in the same manner as this paragraph would apply to an employee described in clause (i) if such clause had not been enacted.

"(iii) APPLICATION.—The provisions of clauses (i) and (ii) shall apply to an employee who received normal benefits for days of unemployment under this Act during the period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2009, except that no extended benefit period under this paragraph shall begin after December 31, 2009. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, no benefits shall be payable under this subparagraph and clauses (i) and (ii) shall no longer be applicable upon the exhaustion of the funds appropriated under clause (iv) for payment of benefits under this subparagraph.

"(iv) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated \$20,000,000 to cover the cost of additional extended unemployment benefits provided under this subparagraph, to remain available until expended."

(b) **FUNDING FOR ADMINISTRATION.**—Out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Railroad Retirement Board \$80,000 to cover the administrative expenses associated with the payment of additional extended unemployment benefits under section 2(c)(2)(D) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, as added by subsection (a), to remain available until expended.

Subtitle B—Assistance for Vulnerable Individuals

SEC. 2101. EMERGENCY FUND FOR TANF PROGRAM.

(a) **TEMPORARY FUND.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) **EMERGENCY FUND.**—

“(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund which shall be known as the ‘Emergency Contingency Fund for State Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Programs’ (in this subsection referred to as the ‘Emergency Fund’).

“(2) **DEPOSITS INTO FUND.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated for fiscal year 2009, \$5,000,000,000 for payment to the Emergency Fund.

“(B) **AVAILABILITY AND USE OF FUNDS.**—The amounts appropriated to the Emergency Fund under subparagraph (A) shall remain available through fiscal year 2010 and shall be used to make grants to States in each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (3).

“(C) **LIMITATION.**—In no case may the Secretary make a grant from the Emergency Fund for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2010.

“(3) **GRANTS.**—

“(A) **GRANT RELATED TO CASELOAD INCREASES.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For each calendar quarter in fiscal year 2009 or 2010, the Secretary shall make a grant from the Emergency Fund to each State that—

“(I) requests a grant under this subparagraph for the quarter; and

“(II) meets the requirement of clause (ii) for the quarter.

“(ii) **CASELOAD INCREASE REQUIREMENT.**—A State meets the requirement of this clause for a quarter if the average monthly assistance caseload of the State for the quarter exceeds the average monthly assistance caseload of the State for the corresponding quarter in the emergency fund base year of the State.

“(iii) **AMOUNT OF GRANT.**—Subject to paragraph (5), the amount of the grant to be made to a State under this subparagraph for a quarter shall be an amount equal to 80 percent of the amount (if any) by which the total expenditures of the State for basic assistance (as defined by the Secretary) in the quarter, whether under the State program funded under this part or as qualified State expenditures, exceeds the total expenditures of the State for such assistance for the corresponding quarter in the emergency fund base year of the State.

“(B) **GRANT RELATED TO INCREASED EXPENDITURES FOR NON-RECURRENT SHORT TERM BENEFITS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For each calendar quarter in fiscal year 2009 or 2010, the Secretary shall make a grant from the Emergency Fund to each State that—

“(I) requests a grant under this subparagraph for the quarter; and

“(II) meets the requirement of clause (ii) for the quarter.

“(ii) **NON-RECURRENT SHORT TERM EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT.**—A State meets the requirement of this clause for a quarter if the total expenditures of the State for non-recurrent short term benefits in the quarter, whether under the State program funded under this part or as

qualified State expenditures, exceeds the total expenditures of the State for non-recurrent short term benefits in the corresponding quarter in the emergency fund base year of the State.

“(ii) **AMOUNT OF GRANT.**—Subject to paragraph (5), the amount of the grant to be made to a State under this subparagraph for a quarter shall be an amount equal to 80 percent of the excess described in clause (ii).

“(C) **GRANT RELATED TO INCREASED EXPENDITURES FOR SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For each calendar quarter in fiscal year 2009 or 2010, the Secretary shall make a grant from the Emergency Fund to each State that—

“(I) requests a grant under this subparagraph for the quarter; and

“(II) meets the requirement of clause (ii) for the quarter.

“(ii) **SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT.**—A State meets the requirement of this clause for a quarter if the total expenditures of the State for subsidized employment in the quarter, whether under the State program funded under this part or as qualified State expenditures, exceeds the total such expenditures of the State in the corresponding quarter in the emergency fund base year of the State.

“(iii) **AMOUNT OF GRANT.**—Subject to paragraph (5), the amount of the grant to be made to a State under this subparagraph for a quarter shall be an amount equal to 80 percent of the excess described in clause (ii).

“(4) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO DATA AND COLLECT NEEDED DATA.**—In determining the size of the caseload of a State and the expenditures of a State for basic assistance, non-recurrent short-term benefits, and subsidized employment, during any period for which the State requests funds under this subsection, and during the emergency fund base year of the State, the Secretary may make appropriate adjustments to the data, on a State-by-State basis, to ensure that the data are comparable with respect to the groups of families served and the types of aid provided. The Secretary may develop a mechanism for collecting expenditure data, including procedures which allow States to make reasonable estimates, and may set deadlines for making revisions to the data.

“(5) **LIMITATION.**—The total amount payable to a single State under subsection (b) and this subsection for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 combined shall not exceed 50 percent of the annual State family assistance grant.

“(6) **LIMITATIONS ON USE OF FUNDS.**—A State to which an amount is paid under this subsection may use the amount only as authorized by section 404.

“(7) **TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Secretary shall implement this subsection as quickly as reasonably possible, pursuant to appropriate guidance to States.

“(8) **APPLICATION TO INDIAN TRIBES.**—This subsection shall apply to an Indian tribe with an approved tribal family assistance plan under section 412 in the same manner as this subsection applies to a State.

“(9) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

“(A) **AVERAGE MONTHLY ASSISTANCE CASELOAD DEFINED.**—The term ‘average monthly assistance caseload’ means, with respect to a State and a quarter, the number of families receiving assistance during the quarter under the State program funded under this part or as qualified State expenditures, subject to adjustment under paragraph (4).

“(B) **EMERGENCY FUND BASE YEAR.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The term ‘emergency fund base year’ means, with respect to a State and a category described in clause (ii), whichever of fiscal year 2007 or 2008 is the fiscal year in which the amount described by the category with respect to the State is the lesser.

“(ii) **CATEGORIES DESCRIBED.**—The categories described in this clause are the following:

“(I) The average monthly assistance caseload of the State.

“(II) The total expenditures of the State for non-recurrent short term benefits, whether under the State program funded under this part or as qualified State expenditures.

“(III) The total expenditures of the State for subsidized employment, whether under the State program funded under this part or as qualified State expenditures.

“(C) **QUALIFIED STATE EXPENDITURES.**—The term ‘qualified State expenditures’ has the meaning given the term in section 409(a)(7).”.

(2) **REPEAL.**—Effective October 1, 2010, subsection (c) of section 403 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603) (as added by paragraph (1)) is repealed, except that paragraph (9) of such subsection shall remain in effect until October 1, 2011, but only with respect to section 407(b)(3)(A)(i) of such Act.

(b) **TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF CASELOAD REDUCTION CREDIT.**—Section 407(b)(3)(A)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(b)(3)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting “(or if the immediately preceding fiscal year is fiscal year 2008, 2009, or 2010, then, at State option, during the emergency fund base year of the State with respect to the average monthly assistance caseload of the State (within the meaning of section 403(c)(9)), except that, if a State elects such option for fiscal year 2008, the emergency fund base year of the State with respect to such caseload shall be fiscal year 2007)” before “under the State”.

(c) **DISREGARD FROM LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS TO TERRITORIES.**—Section 1108(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended by inserting “403(c)(3),” after “403(a)(5).”.

(d) **SUNSET OF OTHER TEMPORARY PROVISIONS.**—

(1) **DISREGARD FROM LIMITATION ON TOTAL PAYMENTS TO TERRITORIES.**—Effective October 1, 2010, section 1108(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(a)(2)) is amended by striking “403(c)(3),” (as added by subsection (c)).

(2) **CASELOAD REDUCTION CREDIT.**—Effective October 1, 2011, section 407(b)(3)(A)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 607(b)(3)(A)(i)) is amended by striking “(or if the immediately preceding fiscal year is fiscal year 2008, 2009, or 2010, then, at State option, during the emergency fund base year of the State with respect to the average monthly assistance caseload of the State (within the meaning of section 403(c)(9)), except that, if a State elects such option for fiscal year 2008, the emergency fund base year of the State with respect to such caseload shall be fiscal year 2007)” (as added by subsection (b)).

SEC. 2102. EXTENSION OF TANF SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS.

(a) **EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2010.**—Section 7101(a) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171; 120 Stat. 135), as amended by section 301(a) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-275), is amended by striking “fiscal year 2009” and inserting “fiscal year 2010”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 403(a)(3)(H)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3)(H)(ii)) is amended to read as follows:

“(ii) subparagraph (G) shall be applied as if ‘fiscal year 2010’ were substituted for ‘fiscal year 2001’; and”.

SEC. 2103. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF STATES TO USE TANF FUNDS CARRIED OVER FROM PRIOR YEARS TO PROVIDE TANF BENEFITS AND SERVICES.

Section 404(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 604(e)) is amended to read as follows:

“(e) **AUTHORITY TO CARRY OVER CERTAIN AMOUNTS FOR BENEFITS OR SERVICES OR FOR FUTURE CONTINGENCIES.**—A State or tribe may use a grant made to the State or tribe under this part for any fiscal year to provide, without fiscal year limitation, any benefit or service that may be provided under the State or tribal program funded under this part.”.

SEC. 2104. TEMPORARY RESUMPTION OF PRIOR CHILD SUPPORT LAW.

During the period that begins on October 1, 2008, and ends on September 30, 2010, section 455(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 655(a)(1)) shall be applied and administered as if the phrase “from amounts paid to the State under section 458 or” does not appear in such section.

Subtitle C—Economic Recovery Payments to Certain Individuals**SEC. 2201. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENT TO RECIPIENTS OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME, RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AND VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSATION OR PENSION BENEFITS.**

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—

(1) ELIGIBILITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (5)(B), the Secretary of the Treasury shall disburse a \$250 payment to each individual who, for any month during the 3-month period ending with the month which ends prior to the month that includes the date of the enactment of this Act, is entitled to a benefit payment described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subparagraph (B) or is eligible for a SSI cash benefit described in subparagraph (C).

(B) BENEFIT PAYMENT DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A):

(i) TITLE II BENEFIT.—A benefit payment described in this clause is a monthly insurance benefit payable (without regard to sections 202(j)(1) and 223(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402(j)(1), 423(b)) under—

(I) section 202(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(a));

(II) section 202(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(b));

(III) section 202(c) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(c));

(IV) section 202(d)(1)(B)(ii) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(d)(1)(B)(ii));

(V) section 202(e) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(e));

(VI) section 202(f) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(f));

(VII) section 202(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(g));

(VIII) section 202(h) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 402(h));

(IX) section 223(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a));

(X) section 227 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 427); or

(XI) section 228 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 428).

(ii) RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—A benefit payment described in this clause is a monthly annuity or pension payment payable (without regard to section 5(a)(ii) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231d(a)(ii))) under—

(I) section 2(a)(1) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(a)(1));

(II) section 2(c) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(c));

(III) section 2(d)(1)(i) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(i));

(IV) section 2(d)(1)(ii) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(ii));

(V) section 2(d)(1)(iii)(C) of such Act to an adult disabled child (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(iii)(C));

(VI) section 2(d)(1)(iv) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(iv));

(VII) section 2(d)(1)(v) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231a(d)(1)(v)); or

(VIII) section 7(b)(2) of such Act (45 U.S.C. 231f(b)(2)) with respect to any of the benefit payments described in clause (i) of this subparagraph.

(iii) VETERANS BENEFIT.—A benefit payment described in this clause is a compensation or pension payment payable under—

(I) section 1110, 1117, 1121, 1131, 1141, or 1151 of title 38, United States Code;

(II) section 1310, 1312, 1313, 1315, 1316, or 1317 of title 38, United States Code;

(III) section 1513, 1521, 1533, 1536, 1537, 1541, 1542, or 1562 of title 38, United States Code; or

(IV) section 1805, 1815, or 1821 of title 38, United States Code,

to a veteran, surviving spouse, child, or parent as described in paragraph (2), (3), (4)(A)(ii), or (5) of section 101, title 38, United States Code, who received that benefit during any month within the 3 month period ending with the month which ends prior to the month that includes the date of the enactment of this Act.

(C) SSI CASH BENEFIT DESCRIBED.—A SSI cash benefit described in this subparagraph is a cash benefit payable under section 1611 (other than under subsection (e)(1)(B) of such section) or 1619(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382, 1382h).

(2) REQUIREMENT.—A payment shall be made under paragraph (1) only to individuals who reside in 1 of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the determination of the individual's residence shall be based on the current address of record under a program specified in paragraph (1).

(3) NO DOUBLE PAYMENTS.—An individual shall be paid only 1 payment under this section, regardless of whether the individual is entitled to, or eligible for, more than 1 benefit or cash payment described in paragraph (1).

(4) LIMITATION.—A payment under this section shall not be made—

(A) in the case of an individual entitled to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(i) or paragraph (1)(B)(ii)(VIII) if, for the most recent month of such individual's entitlement in the 3-month period described in paragraph (1), such individual's benefit under such paragraph was not payable by reason of subsection (x) or (y) of section 202 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 402) or section 1129A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8a);

(B) in the case of an individual entitled to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(iii) if, for the most recent month of such individual's entitlement in the 3 month period described in paragraph (1), such individual's benefit under such paragraph was not payable, or was reduced, by reason of section 1505, 5313, or 5313B of title 38, United States Code;

(C) in the case of an individual entitled to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(C) if, for such most recent month, such individual's benefit under such paragraph was not payable by reason of subsection (e)(1)(A) or (e)(4) of section 1611 (42 U.S.C. 1382) or section 1129A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8a); or

(D) in the case of any individual whose date of death occurs before the date on which the individual is certified under subsection (b) to receive a payment under this section.

(5) TIMING AND MANNER OF PAYMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall commence disbursing payments under this section at the earliest practicable date but in no event later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act. The Secretary of the Treasury may disburse any payment electronically to an individual in such manner as if such payment was a benefit payment or cash benefit to such individual under the applicable program described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of paragraph (1).

(B) DEADLINE.—No payments shall be disbursed under this section after December 31, 2010, regardless of any determinations of entitlement to, or eligibility for, such payments made after such date.

(b) IDENTIFICATION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Commissioner of Social Security, the Railroad Retirement Board, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall certify the individuals entitled to receive payments under this section and provide the Secretary of the Treasury with the information needed to disburse such payments. A certification of an individual shall be unaffected

by any subsequent determination or redetermination of the individual's entitlement to, or eligibility for, a benefit specified in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(1).

(c) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—

(1) PAYMENT TO BE DISREGARDED FOR PURPOSES OF ALL FEDERAL AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS.—A payment under subsection (a) shall not be regarded as income and shall not be regarded as a resource for the month of receipt and the following 9 months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of the recipient (or the recipient's spouse or family) for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

(2) PAYMENT NOT CONSIDERED INCOME FOR PURPOSES OF TAXATION.—A payment under subsection (a) shall not be considered as gross income for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) PAYMENTS PROTECTED FROM ASSIGNMENT.—The provisions of sections 207 and 1631(d)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 407, 1383(d)(1)), section 14(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231m(a)), and section 5301 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply to any payment made under subsection (a) as if such payment was a benefit payment or cash benefit to such individual under the applicable program described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(1).

(4) PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO OFFSET.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), for purposes of section 3716 of title 31, United States Code, any payment made under this section shall not be considered a benefit payment or cash benefit made under the applicable program described in subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (a)(1) and all amounts paid shall be subject to offset to collect delinquent debts.

(d) PAYMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES AND FIDUCIARIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In any case in which an individual who is entitled to a payment under subsection (a) and whose benefit payment or cash benefit described in paragraph (1) of that subsection is paid to a representative payee or fiduciary, the payment under subsection (a) shall be made to the individual's representative payee or fiduciary and the entire payment shall be used only for the benefit of the individual who is entitled to the payment.

(2) APPLICABILITY.—

(A) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A TITLE II OR SSI BENEFIT.—Section 1129(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-8(a)(3)) shall apply to any payment made on the basis of an entitlement to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(i) or (1)(C) of subsection (a) in the same manner as such section applies to a payment under title II or XVI of such Act.

(B) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFIT.—Section 13 of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. 2311) shall apply to any payment made on the basis of an entitlement to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(ii) of subsection (a) in the same manner as such section applies to a payment under such Act.

(C) PAYMENT ON THE BASIS OF A VETERANS BENEFIT.—Sections 5502, 6106, and 6108 of title 38, United States Code, shall apply to any payment made on the basis of an entitlement to a benefit specified in paragraph (1)(B)(iii) of subsection (a) in the same manner as those sections apply to a payment under that title.

(e) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any sums in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the following sums are appropriated for the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2011, to remain available until expended, to carry out this section:

(1) For the Secretary of the Treasury, \$131,000,000 for administrative costs incurred in carrying out this section, section 2202, section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as

added by this Act), and other provisions of this Act or the amendments made by this Act relating to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(2) For the Commissioner of Social Security—

(A) such sums as may be necessary for payments to individuals certified by the Commissioner of Social Security as entitled to receive a payment under this section; and

(B) \$90,000,000 for the Social Security Administration's Limitation on Administrative Expenses for costs incurred in carrying out this section.

(3) For the Railroad Retirement Board—

(A) such sums as may be necessary for payments to individuals certified by the Railroad Retirement Board as entitled to receive a payment under this section; and

(B) \$1,400,000 to the Railroad Retirement Board's Limitation on Administration for administrative costs incurred in carrying out this section.

(4)(A) For the Secretary of Veterans Affairs—

(i) such sums as may be necessary for the Compensation and Pensions account, for payments to individuals certified by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs as entitled to receive a payment under this section; and

(ii) \$100,000 for the Information Systems Technology account and \$7,100,000 for the General Operating Expenses account for administrative costs incurred in carrying out this section.

(B) The Department of Veterans Affairs Compensation and Pensions account shall hereinafter be available for payments authorized under subsection (a)(1)(A) to individuals entitled to a benefit payment described in subsection (a)(1)(B)(iii).

SEC. 2202. SPECIAL CREDIT FOR CERTAIN GOVERNMENT RETIREES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the first taxable year beginning in 2009 an amount equal \$250 (\$500 in the case of a joint return where both spouses are eligible individuals).

(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term “eligible individual” means any individual—

(A) who receives during the first taxable year beginning in 2009 any amount as a pension or annuity for service performed in the employ of the United States or any State, or any instrumentality thereof, which is not considered employment for purposes of chapter 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and

(B) who does not receive a payment under section 2201 during such taxable year.

(2) IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REQUIREMENT.—Such term shall not include any individual who does not include on the return of tax for the taxable year—

(A) such individual's social security account number, and

(B) in the case of a joint return, the social security account number of one of the taxpayers on such return.

For purposes of the preceding sentence, the social security account number shall not include a TIN (as defined in section 7701(a)(41) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. Any omission of a correct social security account number required under this subparagraph shall be treated as a mathematical or clerical error for purposes of applying section 6213(g)(2) of such Code to such omission.

(c) TREATMENT OF CREDIT.—

(1) REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be treated as allowed by subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(B) APPROPRIATIONS.—For purposes of section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, the credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be treated

in the same manner a refund from the credit allowed under section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this Act).

(2) DEFICIENCY RULES.—For purposes of section 6211(b)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the credit allowable by subsection (a) shall be treated in the same manner as the credit allowable under section 36A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as added by this Act).

(d) REFUNDS DISREGARDED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND FEDERALLY ASSISTED PROGRAMS.—Any credit or refund allowed or made to any individual by reason of this section shall not be taken into account as income and shall not be taken into account as resources for the month of receipt and the following 2 months, for purposes of determining the eligibility of such individual or any other individual for benefits or assistance, or the amount or extent of benefits or assistance, under any Federal program or under any State or local program financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

TITLE III—PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR COBRA BENEFITS

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(a) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.—

(1) PROVISION OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(A) REDUCTION OF PREMIUMS PAYABLE.—In the case of any premium for a period of coverage beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act for COBRA continuation coverage with respect to any assistance eligible individual, such individual shall be treated for purposes of any COBRA continuation provision as having paid the amount of such premium if such individual pays (or a person other than such individual's employer pays on behalf of such individual) 35 percent of the amount of such premium (as determined without regard to this subsection).

(B) PLAN ENROLLMENT OPTION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the COBRA continuation provisions, an assistance eligible individual may, not later than 90 days after the date of notice of the plan enrollment option described in this subparagraph, elect to enroll in coverage under a plan offered by the employer involved, or the employee organization involved (including, for this purpose, a joint board of trustees of a multiemployer trust affiliated with one or more multiemployer plans), that is different than coverage under the plan in which such individual was enrolled at the time the qualifying event occurred, and such coverage shall be treated as COBRA continuation coverage for purposes of the applicable COBRA continuation coverage provision.

(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—An assistance eligible individual may elect to enroll in different coverage as described in clause (i) only if—

(1) the employer involved has made a determination that such employer will permit assistance eligible individuals to enroll in different coverage as provided for this subparagraph;

(II) the premium for such different coverage does not exceed the premium for coverage in which the individual was enrolled at the time the qualifying event occurred;

(III) the different coverage in which the individual elects to enroll is coverage that is also offered to the active employees of the employer at the time at which such election is made; and

(IV) the different coverage is not—

(aa) coverage that provides only dental, vision, counseling, or referral services (or a combination of such services);

(bb) a flexible spending arrangement (as defined in section 106(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986); or

(cc) coverage that provides coverage for services or treatments furnished in an on-site medical facility maintained by the employer and that consists primarily of first-aid services, prevention and wellness care, or similar care (or a combination of such care).

(C) PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT.—For provisions providing the balance of such premium, see section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by paragraph (12).

(2) LIMITATION OF PERIOD OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1)(A) shall not apply with respect to any assistance eligible individual for months of coverage beginning on or after the earlier of—

(i) the first date that such individual is eligible for coverage under any other group health plan (other than coverage consisting of only dental, vision, counseling, or referral services (or a combination thereof), coverage under a flexible spending arrangement (as defined in section 106(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), or coverage of treatment that is furnished in an on-site medical facility maintained by the employer and that consists primarily of first-aid services, prevention and wellness care, or similar care (or a combination thereof)) or is eligible for benefits under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, or

(ii) the earliest of—

(I) the date which is 9 months after the first day of the first month that paragraph (1)(A) applies with respect to such individual,

(II) the date following the expiration of the maximum period of continuation coverage required under the applicable COBRA continuation coverage provision, or

(III) the date following the expiration of the period of continuation coverage allowed under paragraph (4)(B)(ii).

(B) TIMING OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL COVERAGE.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(i), an individual shall not be treated as eligible for coverage under a group health plan before the first date on which such individual could be covered under such plan.

(C) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—An assistance eligible individual shall notify in writing the group health plan with respect to which paragraph (1)(A) applies if such paragraph ceases to apply by reason of subparagraph (A)(i). Such notice shall be provided to the group health plan in such time and manner as may be specified by the Secretary of Labor.

(3) ASSISTANCE ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “assistance eligible individual” means any qualified beneficiary if—

(A) at any time during the period that begins with September 1, 2008, and ends with December 31, 2009, such qualified beneficiary is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage,

(B) such qualified beneficiary elects such coverage, and

(C) the qualifying event with respect to the COBRA continuation coverage consists of the involuntary termination of the covered employee's employment and occurred during such period.

(4) EXTENSION OF ELECTION PERIOD AND EFFECT ON COVERAGE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of applying section 605(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 4980B(f)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, section 2205(a) of the Public Health Service Act, and section 8905a(c)(2) of title 5, United States Code, in the case of an individual who does not have an election of COBRA continuation coverage in effect on the date of the enactment of this Act but who would be an assistance eligible individual if such election were so in effect, such individual may elect the COBRA continuation coverage under the COBRA continuation coverage provisions containing such sections during

the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending 60 days after the date on which the notification required under paragraph (7)(C) is provided to such individual.

(B) COMMENCEMENT OF COVERAGE; NO REACH-BACK.—Any COBRA continuation coverage elected by a qualified beneficiary during an extended election period under subparagraph (A)—

(i) shall commence with the first period of coverage beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, and

(ii) shall not extend beyond the period of COBRA continuation coverage that would have been required under the applicable COBRA continuation coverage provision if the coverage had been elected as required under such provision.

(C) PREEXISTING CONDITIONS.—With respect to a qualified beneficiary who elects COBRA continuation coverage pursuant to subparagraph (A), the period—

(i) beginning on the date of the qualifying event, and

(ii) ending with the beginning of the period described in subparagraph (B)(i), shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the 63-day periods referred to in section 701(c)(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, section 9801(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and section 2701(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act.

(5) EXPEDITED REVIEW OF DENIALS OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.—In any case in which an individual requests treatment as an assistance eligible individual and is denied such treatment by the group health plan, the Secretary of Labor (or the Secretary of Health and Human Services in connection with COBRA continuation coverage which is provided other than pursuant to part 6 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall provide for expedited review of such denial. An individual shall be entitled to such review upon application to such Secretary in such form and manner as shall be provided by such Secretary. Such Secretary shall make a determination regarding such individual's eligibility within 15 business days after receipt of such individual's application for review under this paragraph. Either Secretary's determination upon review of the denial shall be de novo and shall be the final determination of such Secretary. A reviewing court shall grant deference to such Secretary's determination. The provisions of this paragraph, paragraphs (1) through (4), and paragraph (7) shall be treated as provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for purposes of part 5 of subtitle B of such title.

(6) DISREGARD OF SUBSIDIES FOR PURPOSES OF FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any premium reduction with respect to an assistance eligible individual under this subsection shall not be considered income or resources in determining eligibility for, or the amount of assistance or benefits provided under, any other public benefit provided under Federal law or the law of any State or political subdivision thereof.

(7) NOTICES TO INDIVIDUALS.—

(A) GENERAL NOTICE.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of notices provided under section 606(a)(4) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1166(4)), section 4980B(f)(6)(D) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, section 2206(4) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300bb-6(4)), or section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, with respect to individuals who, during the period described in paragraph (3)(A), become entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage, the requirements of such sections shall not be treated as met unless such notices include an additional notification to the recipient of—

(I) the availability of premium reduction with respect to such coverage under this subsection, and

(II) the option to enroll in different coverage if the employer permits assistance eligible individuals to elect enrollment in different coverage (as described in paragraph (1)(B)).

(ii) ALTERNATIVE NOTICE.—In the case of COBRA continuation coverage to which the notice provision under such sections does not apply, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall, in consultation with administrators of the group health plans (or other entities) that provide or administer the COBRA continuation coverage involved, provide rules requiring the provision of such notice.

(iii) FORM.—The requirement of the additional notification under this subparagraph may be met by amendment of existing notice forms or by inclusion of a separate document with the notice otherwise required.

(B) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—Each additional notification under subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) the forms necessary for establishing eligibility for premium reduction under this subsection,

(ii) the name, address, and telephone number necessary to contact the plan administrator and any other person maintaining relevant information in connection with such premium reduction,

(iii) a description of the extended election period provided for in paragraph (4)(A),

(iv) a description of the obligation of the qualified beneficiary under paragraph (2)(C) to notify the plan providing continuation coverage of eligibility for subsequent coverage under another group health plan or eligibility for benefits under title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the penalty provided under section 6720C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for failure to so notify the plan,

(v) a description, displayed in a prominent manner, of the qualified beneficiary's right to a reduced premium and any conditions on entitlement to the reduced premium, and

(vi) a description of the option of the qualified beneficiary to enroll in different coverage if the employer permits such beneficiary to elect to enroll in such different coverage under paragraph (1)(B).

(C) NOTICE IN CONNECTION WITH EXTENDED ELECTION PERIODS.—In the case of any assistance eligible individual (or any individual described in paragraph (4)(A)) who became entitled to elect COBRA continuation coverage before the date of the enactment of this Act, the administrator of the group health plan (or other entity) involved shall provide (within 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act) for the additional notification required to be provided under subparagraph (A) and failure to provide such notice shall be treated as a failure to meet the notice requirements under the applicable COBRA continuation provision.

(D) MODEL NOTICES.—Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act—

(i) the Secretary of the Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall prescribe models for the additional notification required under this paragraph (other than the additional notification described in clause (ii)), and

(ii) in the case of any additional notification provided pursuant to subparagraph (A) under section 8905a(f)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe a model for such additional notification.

(8) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this subsection, including the prevention of fraud and abuse under this subsection, except that the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services may prescribe such regulations

(including interim final regulations) or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of paragraphs (5), (7), and (9).

(9) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall provide outreach consisting of public education and enrollment assistance relating to premium reduction provided under this subsection. Such outreach shall target employers, group health plan administrators, public assistance programs, States, insurers, and other entities as determined appropriate by such Secretaries. Such outreach shall include an initial focus on those individuals electing continuation coverage who are referred to in paragraph (7)(C). Information on such premium reduction, including enrollment, shall also be made available on websites of the Departments of Labor, Treasury, and Health and Human Services.

(10) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(A) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "administrator" has the meaning given such term in section 3(16)(A) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(B) COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE.—The term "COBRA continuation coverage" means continuation coverage provided pursuant to part 6 of subtitle B of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (other than under section 609), title XXII of the Public Health Service Act, section 4980B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (other than subsection (f)(1) of such section insofar as it relates to pediatric vaccines), or section 8905a of title 5, United States Code, or under a State program that provides comparable continuation coverage. Such term does not include coverage under a health flexible spending arrangement under a cafeteria plan within the meaning of section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(C) COBRA CONTINUATION PROVISION.—The term "COBRA continuation provision" means the provisions of law described in subparagraph (B).

(D) COVERED EMPLOYEE.—The term "covered employee" has the meaning given such term in section 607(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(E) QUALIFIED BENEFICIARY.—The term "qualified beneficiary" has the meaning given such term in section 607(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(F) GROUP HEALTH PLAN.—The term "group health plan" has the meaning given such term in section 607(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(G) STATE.—The term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(H) PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—Any reference in this subsection to a period of coverage shall be treated as a reference to a monthly or shorter period of coverage with respect to which premiums are charged with respect to such coverage.

(II) REPORTS.—

(A) INTERIM REPORT.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall submit an interim report to the Committee on Education and Labor, the Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the Committee on Finance of the Senate regarding the premium reduction provided under this subsection that includes—

(i) the number of individuals provided such assistance as of the date of the report; and

(ii) the total amount of expenditures incurred (with administrative expenditures noted separately) in connection with such assistance as of the date of the report.

(B) FINAL REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the last period of COBRA continuation

coverage for which premium reduction is provided under this section, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit a final report to each Committee referred to in subparagraph (A) that includes—

- (i) the number of individuals provided premium reduction under this section;
- (ii) the average dollar amount (monthly and annually) of premium reductions provided to such individuals; and
- (iii) the total amount of expenditures incurred (with administrative expenditures noted separately) in connection with premium reduction under this section.

(12) **COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 6432. COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The person to whom premiums are payable under COBRA continuation coverage shall be reimbursed as provided in subsection (c) for the amount of premiums not paid by assistance eligible individuals by reason of section 3002(a) of the Health Insurance Assistance for the Unemployed Act of 2009.

“(b) **PERSON ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT.**—For purposes of subsection (a), except as otherwise provided by the Secretary, the person to whom premiums are payable under COBRA continuation coverage shall be treated as being—

“(1) in the case of any group health plan which is a multiemployer plan (as defined in section 3(37) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974), the plan,

“(2) in the case of any group health plan not described in paragraph (1)—

“(A) which is subject to the COBRA continuation provisions contained in—

“(i) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,

“(ii) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974,

“(iii) the Public Health Service Act, or

“(iv) title 5, United States Code, or

“(B) under which some or all of the coverage is not provided by insurance, the employer maintaining the plan, and

“(3) in the case of any group health plan not described in paragraph (1) or (2), the insurer providing the coverage under the group health plan.

“(c) **METHOD OF REIMBURSEMENT.**—Except as otherwise provided by the Secretary—

“(1) **TREATMENT AS PAYMENT OF PAYROLL TAXES.**—Each person entitled to reimbursement under subsection (a) (and filing a claim for such reimbursement at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may require) shall be treated for purposes of this title and section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United States Code, as having paid to the Secretary, on the date that the assistance eligible individual's premium payment is received, payroll taxes in an amount equal to the portion of such reimbursement which relates to such premium. To the extent that the amount treated as paid under the preceding sentence exceeds the amount of such person's liability for such taxes, the Secretary shall credit or refund such excess in the same manner as if it were an overpayment of such taxes.

“(2) **OVERSTATEMENTS.**—Any overstatement of the reimbursement to which a person is entitled under this section (and any amount paid by the Secretary as a result of such overstatement) shall be treated as an underpayment of payroll taxes by such person and may be assessed and collected by the Secretary in the same manner as payroll taxes.

“(3) **REIMBURSEMENT CONTINGENT ON PAYMENT OF REMAINING PREMIUM.**—No reimbursement may be made under this section to a person with respect to any assistance eligible individual until after the reduced premium required under section 3002(a)(1)(A) of such Act with respect to such individual has been received.

“(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

“(1) **PAYROLL TAXES.**—The term ‘payroll taxes’ means—

“(A) amounts required to be deducted and withheld for the payroll period under section 3402 (relating to wage withholding),

“(B) amounts required to be deducted for the payroll period under section 3102 (relating to FICA employee taxes), and

“(C) amounts of the taxes imposed for the payroll period under section 3111 (relating to FICA employer taxes).

“(2) **PERSON.**—The term ‘person’ includes any governmental entity.

“(e) **REPORTING.**—Each person entitled to reimbursement under subsection (a) for any period shall submit such reports (at such time and in such manner) as the Secretary may require, including—

“(1) an attestation of involuntary termination of employment for each covered employee on the basis of whose termination entitlement to reimbursement is claimed under subsection (a),

“(2) a report of the amount of payroll taxes offset under subsection (a) for the reporting period and the estimated offsets of such taxes for the subsequent reporting period in connection with reimbursements under subsection (a), and

“(3) a report containing the TINs of all covered employees, the amount of subsidy reimbursed with respect to each covered employee and qualified beneficiaries, and a designation with respect to each covered employee as to whether the subsidy reimbursement is for coverage of 1 individual or 2 or more individuals.

“(f) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary shall issue such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this section, including—

“(1) the requirement to report information or the establishment of other methods for verifying the correct amounts of reimbursements under this section, and

“(2) the application of this section to group health plans that are multiemployer plans (as defined in section 3(37) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974).”

(B) **SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUNDS HELD HARMLESS.**—In determining any amount transferred or appropriated to any fund under the Social Security Act, section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall not be taken into account.

(C) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for subchapter B of chapter 65 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 6432. COBRA premium assistance.”

(D) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to premiums to which subsection (a)(1)(A) applies.

(E) **SPECIAL RULE.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of an assistance eligible individual who pays, with respect to the first period of COBRA continuation coverage to which subsection (a)(1)(A) applies or the immediately subsequent period, the full premium amount for such coverage, the person to whom such payment is payable shall—

(I) make a reimbursement payment to such individual for the amount of such premium paid in excess of the amount required to be paid under subsection (a)(1)(A); or

(II) provide credit to the individual for such amount in a manner that reduces one or more subsequent premium payments that the individual is required to pay under such subsection for the coverage involved.

(ii) **REIMBURSING EMPLOYER.**—A person to which clause (i) applies shall be reimbursed as provided for in section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any payment made, or credit provided, to the employee under such clause.

(iii) **PAYMENT OR CREDITS.**—Unless it is reasonable to believe that the credit for the excess payment in clause (i)(II) will be used by the assistance eligible individual within 180 days of

the date on which the person receives from the individual the payment of the full premium amount, a person to which clause (i) applies shall make the payment required under such clause to the individual within 60 days of such payment of the full premium amount. If, as of any day within the 180-day period, it is no longer reasonable to believe that the credit will be used during that period, payment equal to the remainder of the credit outstanding shall be made to the individual within 60 days of such day.

(13) **PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY HEALTH PLAN OF CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Part I of subchapter B of chapter 68 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 6720C. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY HEALTH PLAN OF CESSATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Any person required to notify a group health plan under section 3002(a)(2)(C) of the Health Insurance Assistance for the Unemployed Act of 2009 who fails to make such a notification at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of Labor may require shall pay a penalty of 110 percent of the premium reduction provided under such section after termination of eligibility under such subsection.

“(b) **REASONABLE CAUSE EXCEPTION.**—No penalty shall be imposed under subsection (a) with respect to any failure if it is shown that such failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.”

(B) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections of part I of subchapter B of chapter 68 of such Code is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“Sec. 6720C. Penalty for failure to notify health plan of cessation of eligibility for COBRA premium assistance.”

(C) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to failures occurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(14) **COORDINATION WITH HCTC.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (g) of section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (10) and inserting after paragraph (8) the following new paragraph:

“(9) **COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.**—In the case of an assistance eligible individual who receives premium reduction for COBRA continuation coverage under section 3002(a) of the Health Insurance Assistance for the Unemployed Act of 2009 for any month during the taxable year, such individual shall not be treated as an eligible individual, a certified individual, or a qualifying family member for purposes of this section or section 7527 with respect to such month.”

(B) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subparagraph (A) shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(15) **EXCLUSION OF COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FROM GROSS INCOME.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 139B the following new section:

“SEC. 139C. COBRA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE.

“In the case of an assistance eligible individual (as defined in section 3002 of the Health Insurance Assistance for the Unemployed Act of 2009), gross income does not include any premium reduction provided under subsection (a) of such section.”

(B) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 139B the following new item:

“Sec. 139C. COBRA premium assistance.”

(C) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this paragraph shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **ELIMINATION OF PREMIUM SUBSIDY FOR HIGH-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.**—

(1) **RECAPTURE OF SUBSIDY FOR HIGH-INCOME INDIVIDUALS.**—If—

(A) premium assistance is provided under this section with respect to any COBRA continuation coverage which covers the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or any dependent (within the meaning of section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, determined without regard to subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B) thereof) of the taxpayer during any portion of the taxable year, and

(B) the taxpayer's modified adjusted gross income for such taxable year exceeds \$125,000 (\$250,000 in the case of a joint return), then the tax imposed by chapter 1 of such Code with respect to the taxpayer for such taxable year shall be increased by the amount of such assistance.

(2) **PHASE-IN OF RECAPTURE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of a taxpayer whose modified adjusted gross income for the taxable year does not exceed \$145,000 (\$290,000 in the case of a joint return), the increase in the tax imposed under paragraph (1) shall not exceed the phase-in percentage of such increase (determined without regard to this paragraph).

(B) **PHASE-IN PERCENTAGE.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term "phase-in percentage" means the ratio (expressed as a percentage) obtained by dividing—

(i) the excess of described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1), by

(ii) \$20,000 (\$40,000 in the case of a joint return).

(3) **OPTION FOR HIGH-INCOME INDIVIDUALS TO WAIVE ASSISTANCE AND AVOID RECAPTURE.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a)(3), an individual shall not be treated as an assistance eligible individual for purposes of this section and section 6432 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 if such individual—

(A) makes a permanent election (at such time and in such form and manner as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe) to waive the right to the premium assistance provided under this section, and

(B) notifies the entity to whom premiums are reimbursed under section 6432(a) of such Code of such election.

(4) **MODIFIED ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term "modified adjusted gross income" means the adjusted gross income (as defined in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of the taxpayer for the taxable year increased by any amount excluded from gross income under section 911, 931, or 933 of such Code.

(5) **CREDITS NOT ALLOWED AGAINST TAX, ETC.**—For purposes determining regular tax liability under section 26(b) of such Code, the increase in tax under this subsection shall not be treated as a tax imposed under chapter 1 of such Code.

(6) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary of the Treasury shall issue such regulations or other guidance as are necessary or appropriate to carry out this subsection, including requirements that the entity to whom premiums are reimbursed under section 6432(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 report to the Secretary, and to each assistance eligible individual, the amount of premium assistance provided under subsection (a) with respect to each such individual.

(7) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The provisions of this subsection shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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SEC. 4101. INCENTIVES FOR ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS.

(a) **INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**—Section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(o) **INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTION AND MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.**—

“(1) **INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the succeeding subparagraphs of this paragraph, with respect to covered professional services furnished by an eligible professional during a payment year (as defined in subparagraph (E)), if the eligible professional is a meaningful EHR user (as determined under paragraph (2)) for the EHR reporting period with respect to such year, in addition to the amount otherwise paid under this part, there also shall be paid to the eligible professional (or to an employer or facility in the cases described in clause (A) of section 1842(b)(6)), from the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund established under section 1841 an amount equal to 75 percent of the Secretary's estimate (based on claims submitted not later than 2 months after the end of the payment year) of the allowed charges under this part for all such covered professional services furnished by the eligible professional during such year.

“(ii) **NO INCENTIVE PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO YEARS AFTER 2016.**—No incentive payments may be made under this subsection with respect to a year after 2016.

“(B) **LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNTS OF INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—In no case shall the amount of the incentive payment provided under this paragraph for an eligible professional for a payment year exceed the applicable amount specified under this subparagraph with respect to such eligible professional and such year.

“(ii) **AMOUNT.**—Subject to clauses (iii) through (v), the applicable amount specified in this subparagraph for an eligible professional is as follows:

“(I) For the first payment year for such professional, \$15,000 (or, if the first payment year for such eligible professional is 2011 or 2012, \$18,000).

“(II) For the second payment year for such professional, \$12,000.

“(III) For the third payment year for such professional, \$8,000.

“(IV) For the fourth payment year for such professional, \$4,000.

“(V) For the fifth payment year for such professional, \$2,000.

“(VI) For any succeeding payment year for such professional, \$0.

“(iii) **PHASE DOWN FOR ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS FIRST ADOPTING EHR AFTER 2013.**—If the

first payment year for an eligible professional is after 2013, then the amount specified in this subparagraph for a payment year for such professional is the same as the amount specified in clause (ii) for such payment year for an eligible professional whose first payment year is 2013.

“(iv) **INCREASE FOR CERTAIN ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS.**—In the case of an eligible professional who predominantly furnishes services under this part in an area that is designated by the Secretary (under section 332(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act) as a health professional shortage area, the amount that would otherwise apply for a payment year for such professional under subclauses (I) through (V) of clause (ii) shall be increased by 10 percent. In implementing the preceding sentence, the Secretary may, as determined appropriate, apply provisions of subsections (m) and (u) of section 1833 in a similar manner as such provisions apply under such subsection.

“(v) **NO INCENTIVE PAYMENT IF FIRST ADOPTING AFTER 2014.**—If the first payment year for an eligible professional is after 2014 then the applicable amount specified in this subparagraph for such professional for such year and any subsequent year shall be \$0.

“(C) **NON-APPLICATION TO HOSPITAL-BASED ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—No incentive payment may be made under this paragraph in the case of a hospital-based eligible professional.

“(ii) **HOSPITAL-BASED ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL.**—For purposes of clause (i), the term "hospital-based eligible professional" means, with respect to covered professional services furnished by an eligible professional during the EHR reporting period for a payment year, an eligible professional, such as a pathologist, anesthesiologist, or emergency physician, who furnishes substantially all of such services in a hospital setting (whether inpatient or outpatient) and through the use of the facilities and equipment, including qualified electronic health records, of the hospital. The determination of whether an eligible professional is a hospital-based eligible professional shall be made on the basis of the site of service (as defined by the Secretary) and without regard to any employment or billing arrangement between the eligible professional and any other provider.

“(D) **PAYMENT.**—

“(i) **FORM OF PAYMENT.**—The payment under this paragraph may be in the form of a single consolidated payment or in the form of such periodic installments as the Secretary may specify.

“(ii) **COORDINATION OF APPLICATION OF LIMITATION FOR PROFESSIONALS IN DIFFERENT PRACTICES.**—In the case of an eligible professional furnishing covered professional services in more than one practice (as specified by the Secretary), the Secretary shall establish rules to coordinate the incentive payments, including the application of the limitation on amounts of such incentive payments under this paragraph, among such practices.

“(iii) **COORDINATION WITH MEDICAID.**—The Secretary shall seek, to the maximum extent practicable, to avoid duplicative requirements from Federal and State governments to demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology under this title and title XIX. The Secretary may also adjust the reporting periods under such title and such subsections in order to carry out this clause.

“(E) **PAYMENT YEAR DEFINED.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term "payment year" means a year beginning with 2011.

“(ii) **FIRST, SECOND, ETC. PAYMENT YEAR.**—The term "first payment year" means, with respect to covered professional services furnished by an eligible professional, the first year for which an incentive payment is made for such services under this subsection. The terms "second payment year", "third payment year", "fourth payment year", and "fifth payment year"

mean, with respect to covered professional services furnished by such eligible professional, each successive year immediately following the first payment year for such professional.

“(2) MEANINGFUL EHR USER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), an eligible professional shall be treated as a meaningful EHR user for an EHR reporting period for a payment year (or, for purposes of subsection (a)(7), for an EHR reporting period under such subsection for a year) if each of the following requirements is met:

“(i) MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.—The eligible professional demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph (C)(i), that during such period the professional is using certified EHR technology in a meaningful manner, which shall include the use of electronic prescribing as determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.

“(ii) INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—The eligible professional demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph (C)(i), that during such period such certified EHR technology is connected in a manner that provides, in accordance with law and standards applicable to the exchange of information, for the electronic exchange of health information to improve the quality of health care, such as promoting care coordination.

“(iii) REPORTING ON MEASURES USING EHR.—Subject to subparagraph (B)(ii) and using such certified EHR technology, the eligible professional submits information for such period, in a form and manner specified by the Secretary, on such clinical quality measures and such other measures as selected by the Secretary under subparagraph (B)(i).

The Secretary may provide for the use of alternative means for meeting the requirements of clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) in the case of an eligible professional furnishing covered professional services in a group practice (as defined by the Secretary). The Secretary shall seek to improve the use of electronic health records and health care quality over time by requiring more stringent measures of meaningful use selected under this paragraph.

“(B) REPORTING ON MEASURES.—

“(i) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select measures for purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii) but only consistent with the following:

“(I) The Secretary shall provide preference to clinical quality measures that have been endorsed by the entity with a contract with the Secretary under section 1890(a).

“(II) Prior to any measure being selected under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register such measure and provide for a period of public comment on such measure.

“(ii) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not require the electronic reporting of information on clinical quality measures under subparagraph (A)(iii) unless the Secretary has the capacity to accept the information electronically, which may be on a pilot basis.

“(iii) COORDINATION OF REPORTING OF INFORMATION.—In selecting such measures, and in establishing the form and manner for reporting measures under subparagraph (A)(iii), the Secretary shall seek to avoid redundant or duplicative reporting otherwise required, including reporting under subsection (k)(2)(C).

“(C) DEMONSTRATION OF MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—A professional may satisfy the demonstration requirement of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) through means specified by the Secretary, which may include—

“(I) an attestation;

“(II) the submission of claims with appropriate coding (such as a code indicating that a patient encounter was documented using certified EHR technology);

“(III) a survey response;

“(IV) reporting under subparagraph (A)(iii); and

“(V) other means specified by the Secretary.

“(ii) USE OF PART D DATA.—Notwithstanding sections 1860D–15(d)(2)(B) and 1860D–15(f)(2), the Secretary may use data regarding drug claims submitted for purposes of section 1860D–15 that are necessary for purposes of subparagraph (A).

“(3) APPLICATION.—

“(A) PHYSICIAN REPORTING SYSTEM RULES.—Paragraphs (5), (6), and (8) of subsection (k) shall apply for purposes of this subsection in the same manner as they apply for purposes of such subsection.

“(B) COORDINATION WITH OTHER PAYMENTS.—The provisions of this subsection shall not be taken into account in applying the provisions of subsection (m) of this section and of section 1833(m) and any payment under such provisions shall not be taken into account in computing allowable charges under this subsection.

“(C) LIMITATIONS ON REVIEW.—There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869, section 1878, or otherwise, of—

“(i) the methodology and standards for determining payment amounts under this subsection and payment adjustments under subsection (a)(7)(A), including the limitation under paragraph (1)(B) and coordination under clauses (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (1)(D);

“(ii) the methodology and standards for determining a meaningful EHR user under paragraph (2), including selection of measures under paragraph (2)(B), specification of the means of demonstrating meaningful EHR use under paragraph (2)(C), and the hardship exception under subsection (a)(7)(B);

“(iii) the methodology and standards for determining a hospital-based eligible professional under paragraph (1)(C); and

“(iv) the specification of reporting periods under paragraph (5) and the selection of the form of payment under paragraph (1)(D)(i).

“(D) POSTING ON WEBSITE.—The Secretary shall post on the Internet website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in an easily understandable format, a list of the names, business addresses, and business phone numbers of the eligible professionals who are meaningful EHR users and, as determined appropriate by the Secretary, of group practices receiving incentive payments under paragraph (1).

“(4) CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘certified EHR technology’ means a qualified electronic health record (as defined in section 3000(13) of the Public Health Service Act) that is certified pursuant to section 3001(c)(5) of such Act as meeting standards adopted under section 3004 of such Act that are applicable to the type of record involved (as determined by the Secretary, such as an ambulatory electronic health record for office-based physicians or an inpatient hospital electronic health record for hospitals).

“(5) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection:

“(A) COVERED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.—The term ‘covered professional services’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (k)(3).

“(B) EHR REPORTING PERIOD.—The term ‘EHR reporting period’ means, with respect to a payment year, any period (or periods) as specified by the Secretary.

“(C) ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL.—The term ‘eligible professional’ means a physician, as defined in section 1861(r).”

(b) INCENTIVE PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1848(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) INCENTIVES FOR MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.—

“(A) ADJUSTMENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (D), with respect to covered professional services furnished by an eligible professional during 2015 or any subsequent payment year, if the eligible professional is not a meaningful EHR user (as determined under subsection

(o)(2)) for an EHR reporting period for the year, the fee schedule amount for such services furnished by such professional during the year (including the fee schedule amount for purposes of determining a payment based on such amount) shall be equal to the applicable percent of the fee schedule amount that would otherwise apply to such services under this subsection (determined after application of paragraph (3) but without regard to this paragraph).

“(ii) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—Subject to clause (iii), for purposes of clause (i), the term ‘applicable percent’ means—

“(I) for 2015, 99 percent (or, in the case of an eligible professional who was subject to the application of the payment adjustment under section 1848(a)(5) for 2014, 98 percent);

“(II) for 2016, 98 percent; and

“(III) for 2017 and each subsequent year, 97 percent.

“(iii) AUTHORITY TO DECREASE APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE FOR 2018 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—For 2018 and each subsequent year, if the Secretary finds that the proportion of eligible professionals who are meaningful EHR users (as determined under subsection (o)(2)) is less than 75 percent, the applicable percent shall be decreased by 1 percentage point from the applicable percent in the preceding year, but in no case shall the applicable percent be less than 95 percent.

“(B) SIGNIFICANT HARDSHIP EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt an eligible professional from the application of the payment adjustment under subparagraph (A) if the Secretary determines, subject to annual renewal, that compliance with the requirement for being a meaningful EHR user would result in a significant hardship, such as in the case of an eligible professional who practices in a rural area without sufficient Internet access. In no case may an eligible professional be granted an exemption under this subparagraph for more than 5 years.

“(C) APPLICATION OF PHYSICIAN REPORTING SYSTEM RULES.—Paragraphs (5), (6), and (8) of subsection (k) shall apply for purposes of this paragraph in the same manner as they apply for purposes of such subsection.

“(D) NON-APPLICATION TO HOSPITAL-BASED ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS.—No payment adjustment may be made under subparagraph (A) in the case of hospital-based eligible professionals (as defined in subsection (o)(1)(C)(ii)).

“(E) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph:

“(i) COVERED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES.—The term ‘covered professional services’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (k)(3).

“(ii) EHR REPORTING PERIOD.—The term ‘EHR reporting period’ means, with respect to a year, a period (or periods) specified by the Secretary.

“(iii) ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL.—The term ‘eligible professional’ means a physician, as defined in section 1861(r).”

(c) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN MA-AFFILIATED ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS.—Section 1853 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(1) APPLICATION OF ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN MA ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADOPTION AND MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), in the case of a qualifying MA organization, the provisions of sections 1848(o) and 1848(a)(7) shall apply with respect to eligible professionals described in paragraph (2) of the organization who the organization attests under paragraph (6) to be meaningful EHR users in a similar manner as they apply to eligible professionals under such sections. Incentive payments under paragraph (3) shall be made to and payment adjustments under paragraph (4) shall apply to such qualifying organizations.

“(2) ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED.—With respect to a qualifying MA organization,

an eligible professional described in this paragraph is an eligible professional (as defined for purposes of section 1848(o)) who—

“(A)(i) is employed by the organization; or

“(ii)(I) is employed by, or is a partner of, an entity that through contract with the organization furnishes at least 80 percent of the entity’s Medicare patient care services to enrollees of such organization; and

“(II) furnishes at least 80 percent of the professional services of the eligible professional covered under this title to enrollees of the organization; and

“(B) furnishes, on average, at least 20 hours per week of patient care services.

“(3) ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In applying section 1848(o) under paragraph (1), instead of the additional payment amount under section 1848(o)(1)(A) and subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary may substitute an amount determined by the Secretary to the extent feasible and practical to be similar to the estimated amount in the aggregate that would be payable if payment for services furnished by such professionals was payable under part B instead of this part.

“(B) AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF PAYMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible professional described in paragraph (2)—

“(I) that is eligible for the maximum incentive payment under section 1848(o)(1)(A) for the same payment period, the payment incentive shall be made only under such section and not under this subsection; and

“(II) that is eligible for less than such maximum incentive payment for the same payment period, the payment incentive shall be made only under this subsection and not under section 1848(o)(1)(A).

“(ii) METHODS.—In the case of an eligible professional described in paragraph (2) who is eligible for an incentive payment under section 1848(o)(1)(A) but is not described in clause (i) for the same payment period, the Secretary shall develop a process—

“(I) to ensure that duplicate payments are not made with respect to an eligible professional both under this subsection and under section 1848(o)(1)(A); and

“(II) to collect data from Medicare Advantage organizations to ensure against such duplicate payments.

“(C) FIXED SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATION OF LIMITATION ON INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR ALL ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONALS.—In applying section 1848(o)(1)(B)(ii) under subparagraph (A), in accordance with rules specified by the Secretary, a qualifying MA organization shall specify a year (not earlier than 2011) that shall be treated as the first payment year for all eligible professionals with respect to such organization.

“(4) PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In applying section 1848(a)(7) under paragraph (1), instead of the payment adjustment being an applicable percent of the fee schedule amount for a year under such section, subject to subparagraph (D), the payment adjustment under paragraph (1) shall be equal to the percent specified in subparagraph (B) for such year of the payment amount otherwise provided under this section for such year.

“(B) SPECIFIED PERCENT.—The percent specified under this subparagraph for a year is 100 percent minus a number of percentage points equal to the product of—

“(i) the number of percentage points by which the applicable percent (under section 1848(a)(7)(A)(ii)) for the year is less than 100 percent; and

“(ii) the Medicare physician expenditure proportion specified in subparagraph (C) for the year.

“(C) MEDICARE PHYSICIAN EXPENDITURE PROPORTION.—The Medicare physician expenditure proportion under this subparagraph for a year is the Secretary’s estimate of the proportion, of

the expenditures under parts A and B that are not attributable to this part, that are attributable to expenditures for physicians’ services.

“(D) APPLICATION OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT.—In the case that a qualifying MA organization attests that not all eligible professionals of the organization are meaningful EHR users with respect to a year, the Secretary shall apply the payment adjustment under this paragraph based on the proportion of all such eligible professionals of the organization that are not meaningful EHR users for such year.

“(5) QUALIFYING MA ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this subsection and subsection (m), the term ‘qualifying MA organization’ means a Medicare Advantage organization that is organized as a health maintenance organization (as defined in section 2791(b)(3) of the Public Health Service Act).

“(6) MEANINGFUL EHR USER ATTESTATION.—For purposes of this subsection and subsection (m), a qualifying MA organization shall submit an attestation, in a form and manner specified by the Secretary which may include the submission of such attestation as part of submission of the initial bid under section 1854(a)(1)(A)(iv), identifying—

“(A) whether each eligible professional described in paragraph (2), with respect to such organization is a meaningful EHR user (as defined in section 1848(o)(2)) for a year specified by the Secretary; and

“(B) whether each eligible hospital described in subsection (m)(1), with respect to such organization, is a meaningful EHR user (as defined in section 1886(n)(3)) for an applicable period specified by the Secretary.

“(7) POSTING ON WEBSITE.—The Secretary shall post on the Internet website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in an easily understandable format, a list of the names, business addresses, and business phone numbers of—

“(A) each qualifying MA organization receiving an incentive payment under this subsection for eligible professionals of the organization; and

“(B) the eligible professionals of such organization for which such incentive payment is based.

“(8) LIMITATION ON REVIEW.—There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869, section 1878, or otherwise, of—

“(A) the methodology and standards for determining payment amounts and payment adjustments under this subsection, including avoiding duplication of payments under paragraph (3)(B) and the specification of rules for the fixed schedule for application of limitation on incentive payments for all eligible professionals under paragraph (3)(C);

“(B) the methodology and standards for determining eligible professionals under paragraph (2); and

“(C) the methodology and standards for determining a meaningful EHR user under section 1848(o)(2), including specification of the means of demonstrating meaningful EHR use under section 1848(o)(3)(C) and selection of measures under section 1848(o)(3)(B).”

(d) STUDY AND REPORT RELATING TO MA ORGANIZATIONS.—

(1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct a study on the extent to which and manner in which payment incentives and adjustments (such as under sections 1848(o) and 1848(a)(7) of the Social Security Act) could be made available to professionals, as defined in 1861(r), who are not eligible for HIT incentive payments under section 1848(o) and receive payments for Medicare patient services nearly-exclusively through contractual arrangements with one or more Medicare Advantage organizations, or an intermediary organization or organizations with contracts with Medicare Advantage organizations. Such study shall assess approaches for measuring meaningful use of qualified EHR tech-

nology among such professionals and mechanisms for delivering incentives and adjustments to those professionals, including through incentive payments and adjustments through Medicare Advantage organizations or intermediary organizations.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Congress a report on the findings and the conclusions of the study conducted under paragraph (1), together with recommendations for such legislation and administrative action as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1853 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)(A), by striking “and (i)” and inserting “(i), and (l)”;;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(D)(i), by striking “section 1886(h)” and inserting “sections 1848(o) and 1886(h)”; and

(B) in paragraph (6)(A), by inserting after “under part B,” the following: “excluding expenditures attributable to subsections (a)(7) and (o) of section 1848,”; and

(3) in subsection (f), by inserting “and for payments under subsection (l)” after “with the organization”.

(f) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO E-PRESCRIBING.—

(1) Section 1848(a)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(a)(5)(A)) is amended—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “or any subsequent year” and inserting “, 2013 or 2014”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “and each subsequent year”.

(2) Section 1848(m)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(m)(2)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “For 2009” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (D), for 2009”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) LIMITATION WITH RESPECT TO EHR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to an eligible professional (or, in the case of a group practice under paragraph (3)(C), to the group practice) if, for the EHR reporting period the eligible professional (or group practice) receives an incentive payment under subsection (o)(1)(A) with respect to a certified EHR technology (as defined in subsection (o)(4)) that has the capability of electronic prescribing.”

SEC. 4102. INCENTIVES FOR HOSPITALS.

(a) INCENTIVE PAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTION AND MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the succeeding provisions of this subsection, with respect to inpatient hospital services furnished by an eligible hospital during a payment year (as defined in paragraph (2)(G)), if the eligible hospital is a meaningful EHR user (as determined under paragraph (3)) for the EHR reporting period with respect to such year, in addition to the amount otherwise paid under this section, there also shall be paid to the eligible hospital, from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund established under section 1817, an amount equal to the applicable amount specified in paragraph (2)(A) for the hospital for such payment year.

“(2) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the succeeding subparagraphs of this paragraph, the applicable amount specified in this subparagraph for an eligible hospital for a payment year is equal to the product of the following:

“(i) INITIAL AMOUNT.—The sum of—

“(I) the base amount specified in subparagraph (B); plus

“(II) the discharge related amount specified in subparagraph (C) for a 12-month period selected

by the Secretary with respect to such payment year.

“(ii) **MEDICARE SHARE.**—The Medicare share as specified in subparagraph (D) for the eligible hospital for a period selected by the Secretary with respect to such payment year.

“(iii) **TRANSITION FACTOR.**—The transition factor specified in subparagraph (E) for the eligible hospital for the payment year.

“(B) **BASE AMOUNT.**—The base amount specified in this subparagraph is \$2,000,000.

“(C) **DISCHARGE RELATED AMOUNT.**—The discharge related amount specified in this subparagraph for a 12-month period selected by the Secretary shall be determined as the sum of the amount, estimated based upon total discharges for the eligible hospital (regardless of any source of payment) for the period, for each discharge up to the 23,000th discharge as follows:

“(i) For the first through 1,149th discharge, \$0.

“(ii) For the 1,150th through the 23,000th discharge, \$200.

“(iii) For any discharge greater than the 23,000th, \$0.

“(D) **MEDICARE SHARE.**—The Medicare share specified under this subparagraph for an eligible hospital for a period selected by the Secretary for a payment year is equal to the fraction—

“(i) the numerator of which is the sum (for such period and with respect to the eligible hospital) of—

“(I) the estimated number of inpatient-bed-days (as established by the Secretary) which are attributable to individuals with respect to whom payment may be made under part A; and

“(II) the estimated number of inpatient-bed-days (as so established) which are attributable to individuals who are enrolled with a Medicare Advantage organization under part C; and

“(ii) the denominator of which is the product of—

“(I) the estimated total number of inpatient-bed-days with respect to the eligible hospital during such period; and

“(II) the estimated total amount of the eligible hospital's charges during such period, not including any charges that are attributable to charity care (as such term is used for purposes of hospital cost reporting under this title), divided by the estimated total amount of the hospital's charges during such period.

Insofar as the Secretary determines that data are not available on charity care necessary to calculate the portion of the formula specified in clause (ii)(II), the Secretary shall use data on uncompensated care and may adjust such data so as to be an appropriate proxy for charity care including a downward adjustment to eliminate bad debt data from uncompensated care data. In the absence of the data necessary, with respect to a hospital, for the Secretary to compute the amount described in clause (ii)(II), the amount under such clause shall be deemed to be 1. In the absence of data, with respect to a hospital, necessary to compute the amount described in clause (i)(II), the amount under such clause shall be deemed to be 0.

“(E) **TRANSITION FACTOR SPECIFIED.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (ii), the transition factor specified in this subparagraph for an eligible hospital for a payment year is as follows:

“(I) For the first payment year for such hospital, 1.

“(II) For the second payment year for such hospital, $\frac{3}{4}$.

“(III) For the third payment year for such hospital, $\frac{1}{2}$.

“(IV) For the fourth payment year for such hospital, $\frac{1}{4}$.

“(V) For any succeeding payment year for such hospital, 0.

“(ii) **PHASE DOWN FOR ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS FIRST ADOPTING EHR AFTER 2013.**—If the first payment year for an eligible hospital is after 2013, then the transition factor specified in this subparagraph for a payment year for such hos-

pital is the same as the amount specified in clause (i) for such payment year for an eligible hospital for which the first payment year is 2013. If the first payment year for an eligible hospital is after 2015 then the transition factor specified in this subparagraph for such hospital and for such year and any subsequent year shall be 0.

“(F) **FORM OF PAYMENT.**—The payment under this subsection for a payment year may be in the form of a single consolidated payment or in the form of such periodic installments as the Secretary may specify.

“(G) **PAYMENT YEAR DEFINED.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘payment year’ means a fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2011.

“(ii) **FIRST, SECOND, ETC. PAYMENT YEAR.**—The term ‘first payment year’ means, with respect to inpatient hospital services furnished by an eligible hospital, the first fiscal year for which an incentive payment is made for such services under this subsection. The terms ‘second payment year’, ‘third payment year’, and ‘fourth payment year’ mean, with respect to an eligible hospital, each successive year immediately following the first payment year for that hospital.

“(3) **MEANINGFUL EHR USER.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—For purposes of paragraph (1), an eligible hospital shall be treated as a meaningful EHR user for an EHR reporting period for a payment year (or, for purposes of subsection (b)(3)(B)(ix), for an EHR reporting period under such subsection for a fiscal year) if each of the following requirements are met:

“(i) **MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.**—The eligible hospital demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph (C)(i), that during such period the hospital is using certified EHR technology in a meaningful manner.

“(ii) **INFORMATION EXCHANGE.**—The eligible hospital demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in accordance with subparagraph (C)(i), that during such period such certified EHR technology is connected in a manner that provides, in accordance with law and standards applicable to the exchange of information, for the electronic exchange of health information to improve the quality of health care, such as promoting care coordination.

“(iii) **REPORTING ON MEASURES USING EHR.**—Subject to subparagraph (B)(ii) and using such certified EHR technology, the eligible hospital submits information for such period, in a form and manner specified by the Secretary, on such clinical quality measures and such other measures as selected by the Secretary under subparagraph (B)(i).

The Secretary shall seek to improve the use of electronic health records and health care quality over time by requiring more stringent measures of meaningful use selected under this paragraph.

“(B) **REPORTING ON MEASURES.**—

“(i) **SELECTION.**—The Secretary shall select measures for purposes of subparagraph (A)(iii) but only consistent with the following:

“(I) The Secretary shall provide preference to clinical quality measures that have been selected for purposes of applying subsection (b)(3)(B)(viii) or that have been endorsed by the entity with a contract with the Secretary under section 1890(a).

“(II) Prior to any measure (other than a clinical quality measure that has been selected for purposes of applying subsection (b)(3)(B)(viii)) being selected under this subparagraph, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register such measure and provide for a period of public comment on such measure.

“(ii) **LIMITATIONS.**—The Secretary may not require the electronic reporting of information on clinical quality measures under subparagraph (A)(iii) unless the Secretary has the capacity to accept the information electronically, which may be on a pilot basis.

“(iii) **COORDINATION OF REPORTING OF INFORMATION.**—In selecting such measures, and in establishing the form and manner for reporting measures under subparagraph (A)(iii), the Secretary shall seek to avoid redundant or duplicative reporting with reporting otherwise required, including reporting under subsection (b)(3)(B)(viii).

“(C) **DEMONSTRATION OF MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—An eligible hospital may satisfy the demonstration requirement of clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A) through means specified by the Secretary, which may include—

“(I) an attestation;

“(II) the submission of claims with appropriate coding (such as a code indicating that inpatient care was documented using certified EHR technology);

“(III) a survey response;

“(IV) reporting under subparagraph (A)(iii); and

“(V) other means specified by the Secretary.

“(ii) **USE OF PART D DATA.**—Notwithstanding sections 1860D–15(d)(2)(B) and 1860D–15(f)(2), the Secretary may use data regarding drug claims submitted for purposes of section 1860D–15 that are necessary for purposes of subparagraph (A).

“(4) **APPLICATION.**—

“(A) **LIMITATIONS ON REVIEW.**—There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869, section 1878, or otherwise, of—

“(i) the methodology and standards for determining payment amounts under this subsection and payment adjustments under subsection (b)(3)(B)(ix), including selection of periods under paragraph (2) for determining, and making estimates or using proxies of, discharges under paragraph (2)(C) and inpatient-bed-days, hospital charges, charity charges, and Medicare share under paragraph (2)(D);

“(ii) the methodology and standards for determining a meaningful EHR user under paragraph (3), including selection of measures under paragraph (3)(B), specification of the means of demonstrating meaningful EHR use under paragraph (3)(C), and the hardship exception under subsection (b)(3)(B)(ix)(II); and

“(iii) the specification of EHR reporting periods under paragraph (6)(B) and the selection of the form of payment under paragraph (2)(F).

“(B) **POSTING ON WEBSITE.**—The Secretary shall post on the Internet website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in an easily understandable format, a list of the names of the eligible hospitals that are meaningful EHR users under this subsection or subsection (b)(3)(B)(ix) (and a list of the names of critical access hospitals to which paragraph (3) or (4) of section 1814(I) applies), and other relevant data as determined appropriate by the Secretary. The Secretary shall ensure that an eligible hospital (or critical access hospital) has the opportunity to review the other relevant data that are to be made public with respect to the hospital (or critical access hospital) prior to such data being made public.

“(5) **CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY DEFINED.**—The term ‘certified EHR technology’ has the meaning given such term in section 1848(o)(4).

“(6) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection:

“(A) **EHR REPORTING PERIOD.**—The term ‘EHR reporting period’ means, with respect to a payment year, any period (or periods) as specified by the Secretary.

“(B) **ELIGIBLE HOSPITAL.**—The term ‘eligible hospital’ means a subsection (d) hospital.”

(2) **CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS.**—Section 1814(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(I)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ‘paragraph (2)’ and inserting ‘the subsequent paragraphs of this subsection’; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3)(A) The following rules shall apply in determining payment and reasonable costs under paragraph (1) for costs described in subparagraph (C) for a critical access hospital that would be a meaningful EHR user (as would be determined under paragraph (3) of section 1886(n)) for an EHR reporting period for a cost reporting period beginning during a payment year if such critical access hospital was treated as an eligible hospital under such section:

“(i) The Secretary shall compute reasonable costs by expensing such costs in a single payment year and not depreciating such costs over a period of years (and shall include as costs with respect to cost reporting periods beginning during a payment year costs from previous cost reporting periods to the extent they have not been fully depreciated as of the period involved).

“(ii) There shall be substituted for the Medicare share that would otherwise be applied under paragraph (1) a percent (not to exceed 100 percent) equal to the sum of—

“(I) the Medicare share (as would be specified under paragraph (2)(D) of section 1886(n)) for such critical access hospital if such critical access hospital was treated as an eligible hospital under such section; and

“(II) 20 percentage points.

“(B) The payment under this paragraph with respect to a critical access hospital shall be paid through a prompt interim payment (subject to reconciliation) after submission and review of such information (as specified by the Secretary) necessary to make such payment, including information necessary to apply this paragraph. In no case may payment under this paragraph be made with respect to a cost reporting period beginning during a payment year after 2015 and in no case may a critical access hospital receive payment under this paragraph with respect to more than 4 consecutive payment years.

“(C) The costs described in this subparagraph are costs for the purchase of certified EHR technology to which purchase depreciation (excluding interest) would apply if payment was made under paragraph (1) and not under this paragraph.

“(D) For purposes of this paragraph, paragraph (4), and paragraph (5), the terms ‘certified EHR technology’, ‘eligible hospital’, ‘EHR reporting period’, and ‘payment year’ have the meanings given such terms in sections 1886(n).”.

(b) INCENTIVE MARKET BASKET ADJUSTMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

(A) in clause (viii)(I), by inserting “(or, beginning with fiscal year 2015, by one-quarter)” after “2.0 percentage points”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(ix)(I) For purposes of clause (i) for fiscal year 2015 and each subsequent fiscal year, in the case of an eligible hospital (as defined in subsection (n)(6)(A)) that is not a meaningful EHR user (as defined in subsection (n)(3)) for an EHR reporting period for such fiscal year, three-quarters of the applicable percentage increase otherwise applicable under clause (i) for such fiscal year shall be reduced by 33½ percent for fiscal year 2015, 66½ percent for fiscal year 2016, and 100 percent for fiscal year 2017 and each subsequent fiscal year. Such reduction shall apply only with respect to the fiscal year involved and the Secretary shall not take into account such reduction in computing the applicable percentage increase under clause (i) for a subsequent fiscal year.

“(II) The Secretary may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt a subsection (d) hospital from the application of subclause (I) with respect to a fiscal year if the Secretary determines, subject to annual renewal, that requiring such hospital to be a meaningful EHR user during such fiscal year would result in a significant hardship, such as in the case of a hospital in a rural area

without sufficient Internet access. In no case may a hospital be granted an exemption under this subclause for more than 5 years.

“(III) For fiscal year 2015 and each subsequent fiscal year, a State in which hospitals are paid for services under section 1814(b)(3) shall adjust the payments to each subsection (d) hospital in the State that is not a meaningful EHR user (as defined in subsection (n)(3)) in a manner that is designed to result in an aggregate reduction in payments to hospitals in the State that is equivalent to the aggregate reduction that would have occurred if payments had been reduced to each subsection (d) hospital in the State in a manner comparable to the reduction under the previous provisions of this clause. The State shall report to the Secretary the methodology it will use to make the payment adjustment under the previous sentence.

“(IV) For purposes of this clause, the term ‘EHR reporting period’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, any period (or periods) as specified by the Secretary.”.

(2) CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS.—Section 1814(l) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(l)), as amended by subsection (a)(2), is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(4)(A) Subject to subparagraph (C), for cost reporting periods beginning in fiscal year 2015 or a subsequent fiscal year, in the case of a critical access hospital that is not a meaningful EHR user (as would be determined under paragraph (3) of section 1886(n) if such critical access hospital was treated as an eligible hospital under such section) for an EHR reporting period with respect to such fiscal year, paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting the applicable percent under subparagraph (B) for the percent described in such paragraph (1).

“(B) The percent described in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for fiscal year 2015, 100.66 percent;

“(ii) for fiscal year 2016, 100.33 percent; and

“(iii) for fiscal year 2017 and each subsequent fiscal year, 100 percent.

“(C) The provisions of subclause (II) of section 1886(b)(3)(B)(ix) shall apply with respect to subparagraph (A) for a critical access hospital with respect to a cost reporting period beginning in a fiscal year in the same manner as such subclause applies with respect to subclause (I) of such section for a subsection (d) hospital with respect to such fiscal year.

“(5) There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869, section 1878, or otherwise, of—

“(A) the methodology and standards for determining the amount of payment and reasonable cost under paragraph (3) and payment adjustments under paragraph (4), including selection of periods under section 1886(n)(2) for determining, and making estimates or using proxies of, inpatient-bed-days, hospital charges, charity charges, and Medicare share under subparagraph (D) of section 1886(n)(2);

“(B) the methodology and standards for determining a meaningful EHR user under section 1886(n)(3) as would apply if the hospital was treated as an eligible hospital under section 1886(n), and the hardship exception under paragraph (4)(C);

“(C) the specification of EHR reporting periods under section 1886(n)(6)(B) as applied under paragraphs (3) and (4); and

“(D) the identification of costs for purposes of paragraph (3)(C).”.

(c) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN MA-AFFILIATED ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS.—Section 1853 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23), as amended by section 4101(c), is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) APPLICATION OF ELIGIBLE HOSPITAL INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN MA ORGANIZATIONS FOR ADOPTION AND MEANINGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY.—

“(1) APPLICATION.—Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), in the case of a qualifying MA organi-

zation, the provisions of sections 1886(n) and 1886(b)(3)(B)(ix) shall apply with respect to eligible hospitals described in paragraph (2) of the organization which the organization attests under subsection (l)(6) to be meaningful EHR users in a similar manner as they apply to eligible hospitals under such sections. Incentive payments under paragraph (3) shall be made to and payment adjustments under paragraph (4) shall apply to such qualifying organizations.

“(2) ELIGIBLE HOSPITAL DESCRIBED.—With respect to a qualifying MA organization, an eligible hospital described in this paragraph is an eligible hospital (as defined in section 1886(n)(6)(A)) that is under common corporate governance with such organization and serves individuals enrolled under an MA plan offered by such organization.

“(3) ELIGIBLE HOSPITAL INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In applying section 1886(n)(2) under paragraph (1), instead of the additional payment amount under section 1886(n)(2), there shall be substituted an amount determined by the Secretary to be similar to the estimated amount in the aggregate that would be payable if payment for services furnished by such hospitals was payable under part A instead of this part. In implementing the previous sentence, the Secretary—

“(i) shall, insofar as data to determine the discharge related amount under section 1886(n)(2)(C) for an eligible hospital are not available to the Secretary, use such alternative data and methodology to estimate such discharge related amount as the Secretary determines appropriate; and

“(ii) shall, insofar as data to determine the Medicare share described in section 1886(n)(2)(D) for an eligible hospital are not available to the Secretary, use such alternative data and methodology to estimate such share, which data and methodology may include use of the inpatient-bed-days (or discharges) with respect to an eligible hospital during the appropriate period which are attributable to both individuals for whom payment may be made under part A or individuals enrolled in an MA plan under a Medicare Advantage organization under this part as a proportion of the estimated total number of patient-bed-days (or discharges) with respect to such hospital during such period.

“(B) AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF PAYMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a hospital that for a payment year is an eligible hospital described in paragraph (2) and for which at least one-third of their discharges (or bed-days) of Medicare patients for the year are covered under part A, payment for the payment year shall be made only under section 1886(n) and not under this subsection.

“(ii) METHODS.—In the case of a hospital that is an eligible hospital described in paragraph (2) and also is eligible for an incentive payment under section 1886(n) but is not described in clause (i) for the same payment period, the Secretary shall develop a process—

“(I) to ensure that duplicate payments are not made with respect to an eligible hospital both under this subsection and under section 1886(n); and

“(II) to collect data from Medicare Advantage organizations to ensure against such duplicate payments.

“(4) PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT.—

“(A) Subject to paragraph (3), in the case of a qualifying MA organization (as defined in section 1853(l)(5)), if, according to the attestation of the organization submitted under subsection (l)(6) for an applicable period, one or more eligible hospitals (as defined in section 1886(n)(6)(A)) that are under common corporate governance with such organization and that serve individuals enrolled under a plan offered by such organization are not meaningful EHR users (as defined in section 1886(n)(3)) with respect to a period, the payment amount payable under this section for such organization for such period

shall be the percent specified in subparagraph (B) for such period of the payment amount otherwise provided under this section for such period.

“(B) SPECIFIED PERCENT.—The percent specified under this subparagraph for a year is 100 percent minus a number of percentage points equal to the product of—

“(i) the number of the percentage point reduction effected under section 1886(b)(3)(B)(ix)(I) for the period; and

“(ii) the Medicare hospital expenditure proportion specified in subparagraph (C) for the year.

“(C) MEDICARE HOSPITAL EXPENDITURE PROPORTION.—The Medicare hospital expenditure proportion under this subparagraph for a year is the Secretary’s estimate of the proportion, of the expenditures under parts A and B that are not attributable to this part, that are attributable to expenditures for inpatient hospital services.

“(D) APPLICATION OF PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT.—In the case that a qualifying MA organization attests that not all eligible hospitals are meaningful EHR users with respect to an applicable period, the Secretary shall apply the payment adjustment under this paragraph based on a methodology specified by the Secretary, taking into account the proportion of such eligible hospitals, or discharges from such hospitals, that are not meaningful EHR users for such period.

“(5) POSTING ON WEBSITE.—The Secretary shall post on the Internet website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in an easily understandable format—

“(A) a list of the names, business addresses, and business phone numbers of each qualifying MA organization receiving an incentive payment under this subsection for eligible hospitals described in paragraph (2); and

“(B) a list of the names of the eligible hospitals for which such incentive payment is based.

“(6) LIMITATIONS ON REVIEW.—There shall be no administrative or judicial review under section 1869, section 1878, or otherwise, of—

“(A) the methodology and standards for determining payment amounts and payment adjustments under this subsection, including avoiding duplication of payments under paragraph (3)(B);

“(B) the methodology and standards for determining eligible hospitals under paragraph (2); and

“(C) the methodology and standards for determining a meaningful EHR user under section 1886(n)(3), including specification of the means of demonstrating meaningful EHR use under subparagraph (C) of such section and selection of measures under subparagraph (B) of such section.”

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 1814(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (3), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “, subject to section 1886(d)(3)(B)(ix)(III),” after “then”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following: “For purposes of applying paragraph (3), there shall be taken into account incentive payments, and payment adjustments under subsection (b)(3)(B)(ix) or (n) of section 1886.”

(2) Section 1851(i)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21(i)(1)) is amended by striking “and 1886(h)(3)(D)” and inserting “1886(h)(3)(D), and 1853(m)”.

(3) Section 1853 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23), as amended by section 4101(d), is amended—

(A) in subsection (c)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(D)(i), by striking “1848(o)” and inserting “, 1848(o), and 1886(n)”;

(ii) in paragraph (6)(A), by inserting “and subsections (b)(3)(B)(ix) and (n) of section 1886” after “section 1848”; and

(B) in subsection (f), by inserting “and subsection (m)” after “under subsection (l)”.

SEC. 4103. TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS AND SAVINGS; IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING.

(a) PREMIUM HOLD HARMLESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1839(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “In applying this paragraph there shall not be taken into account additional payments under section 1848(o) and section 1853(l)(3) and the Government contribution under section 1844(a)(3).”

(2) PAYMENT.—Section 1844(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; plus”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) a Government contribution equal to the amount of payment incentives payable under sections 1848(o) and 1853(l)(3).”

(b) MEDICARE IMPROVEMENT FUND.—Section 1898 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395iii), as added by section 7002(a) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110–252) and as amended by section 188(a)(2) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–275; 122 Stat. 2589) and by section 6 of the QI Program Supplemental Funding Act of 2008, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting “medicare” before “fee-for-service”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “including, but not limited to, an increase in the conversion factor under section 1848(d) to address, in whole or in part, any projected shortfall in the conversion factor for 2014 relative to the conversion factor for 2008 and adjustments to payments for items and services furnished by providers of services and suppliers under such original medicare fee-for-service program”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “during fiscal year 2014,” and all that follows and inserting the following: “during—

“(A) fiscal year 2014, \$22,290,000,000; and

“(B) fiscal year 2020 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Secretary’s estimate, as of July 1 of the fiscal year, of the aggregate reduction in expenditures under this title during the preceding fiscal year directly resulting from the reduction in payment amounts under sections 1848(a)(7), 1853(l)(4), 1853(m)(4), and 1886(b)(3)(B)(ix).”;

and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) NO EFFECT ON PAYMENTS IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—In the case that expenditures from the Fund are applied to, or otherwise affect, a payment rate for an item or service under this title for a year, the payment rate for such item or service shall be computed for a subsequent year as if such application or effect had never occurred.”

(c) IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING.—In addition to funds otherwise available, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Management Account, \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2015 and \$45,000,000 for fiscal year 2016, which shall be available for purposes of carrying out the provisions of (and amendments made by) this subtitle. Amounts appropriated under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be available until expended.

SEC. 4104. STUDIES AND REPORTS ON HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

(a) STUDY AND REPORT ON APPLICATION OF EHR PAYMENT INCENTIVES FOR PROVIDERS NOT RECEIVING OTHER INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.—

(1) STUDY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall conduct a study to determine the extent to which and manner in which payment incentives (such as under title XVIII

or XIX of the Social Security Act) and other funding for purposes of implementing and using certified EHR technology (as defined in section 1848(o)(4) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 4101(a)) should be made available to health care providers who are receiving minimal or no payment incentives or other funding under this Act, under title XIII of division A, under title XVIII or XIX of such Act, or otherwise, for such purposes.

(B) DETAILS OF STUDY.—Such study shall include an examination of—

(i) the adoption rates of certified EHR technology by such health care providers;

(ii) the clinical utility of such technology by such health care providers;

(iii) whether the services furnished by such health care providers are appropriate for or would benefit from the use of such technology;

(iv) the extent to which such health care providers work in settings that might otherwise receive an incentive payment or other funding under this Act, under title XIII of division A, under title XVIII or XIX of the Social Security Act, or otherwise;

(v) the potential costs and the potential benefits of making payment incentives and other funding available to such health care providers; and

(vi) any other issues the Secretary deems to be appropriate.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than June 30, 2010, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the findings and conclusions of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

(b) STUDY AND REPORT ON AVAILABILITY OF OPEN SOURCE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS.—

(1) STUDY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, in consultation with the Under Secretary for Health of the Veterans Health Administration, the Director of the Indian Health Service, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, conduct a study on—

(i) the current availability of open source health information technology systems to Federal safety net providers (including small, rural providers);

(ii) the total cost of ownership of such systems in comparison to the cost of proprietary commercial products available;

(iii) the ability of such systems to respond to the needs of, and be applied to, various populations (including children and disabled individuals); and

(iv) the capacity of such systems to facilitate interoperability.

(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In conducting the study under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall take into account the circumstances of smaller health care providers, health care providers located in rural or other medically underserved areas, and safety net providers that deliver a significant level of health care to uninsured individuals, Medicaid beneficiaries, SCHIP beneficiaries, and other vulnerable individuals.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 2010, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Congress a report on the findings and the conclusions of the study conducted under paragraph (1), together with recommendations for such legislation and administrative action as the Secretary determines appropriate.

Subtitle B—Medicaid Incentives

SEC. 4201. MEDICAID PROVIDER HIT ADOPTION AND OPERATION PAYMENTS; IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3)—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (D);

(B) by striking “plus” at the end of subparagraph (E) and inserting “and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(F)(i) 100 percent of so much of the sums expended during such quarter as are attributable to payments to Medicaid providers described in subsection (t)(1) to encourage the adoption and use of certified EHR technology; and

“(ii) 90 percent of so much of the sums expended during such quarter as are attributable to payments for reasonable administrative expenses related to the administration of payments described in clause (i) if the State meets the condition described in subsection (t)(9); plus”; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (s) the following new subsection:

“(t)(1) For purposes of subsection (a)(3)(F), the payments described in this paragraph to encourage the adoption and use of certified EHR technology are payments made by the State in accordance with this subsection—

“(A) to Medicaid providers described in paragraph (2)(A) not in excess of 85 percent of net average allowable costs (as defined in paragraph (3)(E)) for certified EHR technology (and support services including maintenance and training that is for, or is necessary for the adoption and operation of, such technology) with respect to such providers; and

“(B) to Medicaid providers described in paragraph (2)(B) not in excess of the maximum amount permitted under paragraph (5) for the provider involved.

“(2) In this subsection and subsection (a)(3)(F), the term ‘Medicaid provider’ means—

“(A) an eligible professional (as defined in paragraph (3)(B))—

“(i) who is not hospital-based and has at least 30 percent of the professional’s patient volume (as estimated in accordance with a methodology established by the Secretary) attributable to individuals who are receiving medical assistance under this title;

“(ii) who is not described in clause (i), who is a pediatrician, who is not hospital-based, and who has at least 20 percent of the professional’s patient volume (as estimated in accordance with a methodology established by the Secretary) attributable to individuals who are receiving medical assistance under this title; and

“(iii) who practices predominantly in a Federally qualified health center or rural health clinic and has at least 30 percent of the professional’s patient volume (as estimated in accordance with a methodology established by the Secretary) attributable to needy individuals (as defined in paragraph (3)(F)); and

“(B)(i) a children’s hospital, or

“(ii) an acute-care hospital that is not described in clause (i) and that has at least 10 percent of the hospital’s patient volume (as estimated in accordance with a methodology established by the Secretary) attributable to individuals who are receiving medical assistance under this title.

An eligible professional shall not qualify as a Medicaid provider under this subsection unless any right to payment under sections 1848(o) and 1853(l) with respect to the eligible professional has been waived in a manner specified by the Secretary. For purposes of calculating patient volume under subparagraph (A)(iii), insofar as it is related to uncompensated care, the Secretary may require the adjustment of such uncompensated care data so that it would be an appropriate proxy for charity care, including a downward adjustment to eliminate bad debt data from uncompensated care. In applying subparagraphs (A) and (B)(ii), the methodology established by the Secretary for patient volume shall include individuals enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan (under section 1903(m) or section 1932).

“(3) In this subsection and subsection (a)(3)(F):

“(A) The term ‘certified EHR technology’ means a qualified electronic health record (as defined in 3000(13) of the Public Health Service Act) that is certified pursuant to section 3001(e)(5) of such Act as meeting standards adopted under section 3004 of such Act that are applicable to the type of record involved (as determined by the Secretary, such as an ambulatory electronic health record for office-based physicians or an inpatient hospital electronic health record for hospitals).

“(B) The term ‘eligible professional’ means a—

“(i) physician;

“(ii) dentist;

“(iii) certified nurse mid-wife;

“(iv) nurse practitioner; and

“(v) physician assistant insofar as the assistant is practicing in a rural health clinic that is led by a physician assistant or is practicing in a Federally qualified health center that is so led.

“(C) The term ‘average allowable costs’ means, with respect to certified EHR technology of Medicaid providers described in paragraph (2)(A) for—

“(i) the first year of payment with respect to such a provider, the average costs for the purchase and initial implementation or upgrade of such technology (and support services including training that is for, or is necessary for the adoption and initial operation of, such technology) for such providers, as determined by the Secretary based upon studies conducted under paragraph (4)(C); and

“(ii) a subsequent year of payment with respect to such a provider, the average costs not described in clause (i) relating to the operation, maintenance, and use of such technology for such providers, as determined by the Secretary based upon studies conducted under paragraph (4)(C).

“(D) The term ‘hospital-based’ means, with respect to an eligible professional, a professional (such as a pathologist, anesthesiologist, or emergency physician) who furnishes substantially all of the individual’s professional services in a hospital setting (whether inpatient or outpatient) and through the use of the facilities and equipment, including qualified electronic health records, of the hospital. The determination of whether an eligible professional is a hospital-based eligible professional shall be made on the basis of the site of service (as defined by the Secretary) and without regard to any employment or billing arrangement between the eligible professional and any other provider.

“(E) The term ‘net average allowable costs’ means, with respect to a Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(A), average allowable costs reduced by any payment that is made to such Medicaid provider from any other source (other than under this subsection or by a State or local government) that is directly attributable to payment for certified EHR technology or support services described in subparagraph (C).

“(F) The term ‘needy individual’ means, with respect to a Medicaid provider, an individual—

“(i) who is receiving assistance under this title;

“(ii) who is receiving assistance under title XXI;

“(iii) who is furnished uncompensated care by the provider; or

“(iv) for whom charges are reduced by the provider on a sliding scale basis based on an individual’s ability to pay.

“(4)(A) With respect to a Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(A), subject to subparagraph (B), in no case shall—

“(i) the net average allowable costs under this subsection for the first year of payment (which may not be later than 2016), which is intended to cover the costs described in paragraph (3)(C)(i), exceed \$25,000 (or such lesser amount as the Secretary determines based on studies conducted under subparagraph (C));

“(ii) the net average allowable costs under this subsection for a subsequent year of pay-

ment, which is intended to cover costs described in paragraph (3)(C)(ii), exceed \$10,000; and

“(iii) payments be made for costs described in clause (ii) after 2021 or over a period of longer than 5 years.

“(B) In the case of Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), the dollar amounts specified in subparagraph (A) shall be $\frac{2}{3}$ of the dollar amounts otherwise specified.

“(C) For the purposes of determining average allowable costs under this subsection, the Secretary shall study the average costs to Medicaid providers described in paragraph (2)(A) of purchase and initial implementation and upgrade of certified EHR technology described in paragraph (3)(C)(i) and the average costs to such providers of operations, maintenance, and use of such technology described in paragraph (3)(C)(ii). In determining such costs for such providers, the Secretary may utilize studies of such amounts submitted by States.

“(5)(A) In no case shall the payments described in paragraph (1)(B) with respect to a Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(B) exceed—

“(i) in the aggregate the product of—

“(I) the overall hospital EHR amount for the provider computed under subparagraph (B); and

“(II) the Medicaid share for such provider computed under subparagraph (C);

“(ii) in any year 50 percent of the product described in clause (i); and

“(iii) in any 2-year period 90 percent of such product.

“(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the overall hospital EHR amount, with respect to a Medicaid provider, is the sum of the applicable amounts specified in section 1886(n)(2)(A) for such provider for the first 4 payment years (as estimated by the Secretary) determined as if the Medicare share specified in clause (ii) of such section were 1. The Secretary shall establish, in consultation with the State, the overall hospital EHR amount for each such Medicaid provider eligible for payments under paragraph (1)(B). For purposes of this subparagraph in computing the amounts under section 1886(n)(2)(C) for payment years after the first payment year, the Secretary shall assume that in subsequent payment years discharges increase at the average annual rate of growth of the most recent 3 years for which discharge data are available per year.

“(C) The Medicaid share computed under this subparagraph, for a Medicaid provider for a period specified by the Secretary, shall be calculated in the same manner as the Medicare share under section 1886(n)(2)(D) for such a hospital and period, except that there shall be substituted for the numerator under clause (i) of such section the amount that is equal to the number of inpatient-bed-days (as established by the Secretary) which are attributable to individuals who are receiving medical assistance under this title and who are not described in section 1886(n)(2)(D)(i). In computing inpatient-bed-days under the previous sentence, the Secretary shall take into account inpatient-bed-days attributable to inpatient-bed-days that are paid for individuals enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan (under section 1903(m) or section 1932).

“(D) In no case may the payments described in paragraph (1)(B) with respect to a Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(B) be paid—

“(i) for any year beginning after 2016 unless the provider has been provided payment under paragraph (1)(B) for the previous year; and

“(ii) over a period of more than 6 years of payment.

“(6) Payments described in paragraph (1) are not in accordance with this subsection unless the following requirements are met:

“(A)(i) The State provides assurances satisfactory to the Secretary that amounts received under subsection (a)(3)(F) with respect to payments to a Medicaid provider are paid, subject to clause (ii), directly to such provider (or to an employer or facility to which such provider has

assigned payments) without any deduction or rebate.

“(ii) Amounts described in clause (i) may also be paid to an entity promoting the adoption of certified EHR technology, as designated by the State, if participation in such a payment arrangement is voluntary for the eligible professional involved and if such entity does not retain more than 5 percent of such payments for costs not related to certified EHR technology (and support services including maintenance and training) that is for, or is necessary for the operation of, such technology.

“(B) A Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(A) is responsible for payment of the remaining 15 percent of the net average allowable cost.

“(C)(i) Subject to clause (ii), with respect to payments to a Medicaid provider—

“(I) for the first year of payment to the Medicaid provider under this subsection, the Medicaid provider demonstrates that it is engaged in efforts to adopt, implement, or upgrade certified EHR technology; and

“(II) for a year of payment, other than the first year of payment to the Medicaid provider under this subsection, the Medicaid provider demonstrates meaningful use of certified EHR technology through a means that is approved by the State and acceptable to the Secretary, and that may be based upon the methodologies applied under section 1848(o) or 1886(n).

“(ii) In the case of a Medicaid provider who has completed adopting, implementing, or upgrading such technology prior to the first year of payment to the Medicaid provider under this subsection, clause (i)(I) shall not apply and clause (i)(II) shall apply to each year of payment to the Medicaid provider under this subsection, including the first year of payment.

“(D) To the extent specified by the Secretary, the certified EHR technology is compatible with State or Federal administrative management systems.

For purposes of subparagraph (B), a Medicaid provider described in paragraph (2)(A) may accept payments for the costs described in such subparagraph from a State or local government. For purposes of subparagraph (C), in establishing the means described in such subparagraph, which may include clinical quality reporting to the State, the State shall ensure that populations with unique needs, such as children, are appropriately addressed.

“(7) With respect to Medicaid providers described in paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary shall ensure coordination of payment with respect to such providers under sections 1848(o) and 1853(l) and under this subsection to assure no duplication of funding. Such coordination shall include, to the extent practicable, a data matching process between State Medicaid agencies and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services using national provider identifiers. For such purposes, the Secretary may require the submission of such data relating to payments to such Medicaid providers as the Secretary may specify.

“(8) In carrying out paragraph (6)(C), the State and Secretary shall seek, to the maximum extent practicable, to avoid duplicative requirements from Federal and State governments to demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology under this title and title XVIII. In doing so, the Secretary may deem satisfaction of requirements for such meaningful use for a payment year under title XVIII to be sufficient to qualify as meaningful use under this subsection. The Secretary may also specify the reporting periods under this subsection in order to carry out this paragraph.

“(9) In order to be provided Federal financial participation under subsection (a)(3)(F)(ii), a State must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that the State—

“(A) is using the funds provided for the purposes of administering payments under this subsection, including tracking of meaningful use by Medicaid providers;

“(B) is conducting adequate oversight of the program under this subsection, including routine tracking of meaningful use attestations and reporting mechanisms; and

“(C) is pursuing initiatives to encourage the adoption of certified EHR technology to promote health care quality and the exchange of health care information under this title, subject to applicable laws and regulations governing such exchange.

“(10) The Secretary shall periodically submit reports to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on status, progress, and oversight of payments described in paragraph (1), including steps taken to carry out paragraph (7). Such reports shall also describe the extent of adoption of certified EHR technology among Medicaid providers resulting from the provisions of this subsection and any improvements in health outcomes, clinical quality, or efficiency resulting from such adoption.”.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION FUNDING.—In addition to funds otherwise available, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Management Account, \$40,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2015 and \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2016, which shall be available for purposes of carrying out the provisions of (and the amendments made by) this section. Amounts appropriated under this subsection for a fiscal year shall be available until expended.

Subtitle C—Miscellaneous Medicare Provisions

SEC. 4301. MORATORIA ON CERTAIN MEDICARE REGULATIONS.

(a) DELAY IN PHASE OUT OF MEDICARE HOSPICE BUDGET NEUTRALITY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including the final rule published on August 8, 2008, 73 Federal Register 46464 et seq., relating to Medicare Program; Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2009, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not phase out or eliminate the budget neutrality adjustment factor in the Medicare hospice wage index before October 1, 2009, and the Secretary shall recompute and apply the final Medicare hospice wage index for fiscal year 2009 as if there had been no reduction in the budget neutrality adjustment factor.

(b) NON-APPLICATION OF PHASED-OUT INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION (IME) ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 412.322 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be applied without regard to paragraph (c) of such section, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall recompute payments for discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2008, as if such paragraph had never been in effect.

(2) NO EFFECT ON SUBSEQUENT YEARS.—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed as having any effect on the application of paragraph (d) of section 412.322 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.

(c) FUNDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—In addition to funds otherwise available, for purposes of implementing the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), including costs incurred in reprocessing claims in carrying out such provisions, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide for the transfer from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund established under section 1817 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Management Account of \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2009.

SEC. 4302. LONG-TERM CARE HOSPITAL TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) PAYMENT.—Subsection (c) of section 114 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by amending the heading to read as follows: “DELAY IN APPLICATION OF 25 PERCENT PATIENT THRESHOLD PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT”;

(B) by striking “the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “July 1, 2007,”; and

(C) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or to a long-term care hospital, or satellite facility, that as of December 29, 2007, was co-located with an entity that is a provider-based, off-campus location of a subsection (d) hospital which did not provide services payable under section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act at the off-campus location” after “freestanding long-term care hospitals”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “or that is described in section 412.22(h)(3)(i) of such title” before the period; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “October 1, 2007 (or July 1, 2007, in the case of a satellite facility described in section 412.22(h)(3)(i) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations)”.

(b) MORATORIUM.—Subsection (d)(3)(A) of such section is amended by striking “if the hospital or facility” and inserting “if the hospital or facility obtained a certificate of need for an increase in beds that is in a State for which such certificate of need is required and that was issued on or after April 1, 2005, and before December 29, 2007, or if the hospital or facility”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall be effective and apply as if included in the enactment of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173).

TITLE V—STATE FISCAL RELIEF

SEC. 5000. PURPOSES; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are as follows:

(1) To provide fiscal relief to States in a period of economic downturn.

(2) To protect and maintain State Medicaid programs during a period of economic downturn, including by helping to avert cuts to provider payment rates and benefits or services, and to prevent constrictions of income eligibility requirements for such programs, but not to promote increases in such requirements.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this title is as follows:

TITLE V—STATE FISCAL RELIEF

Sec. 5000. Purposes; table of contents.

Sec. 5001. Temporary increase of Medicaid FMAP.

Sec. 5002. Temporary increase in DSH allotments during recession.

Sec. 5003. Extension of moratoria on certain Medicaid final regulations.

Sec. 5004. Extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA).

Sec. 5005. Extension of the qualifying individual (QI) program.

Sec. 5006. Protections for Indians under Medicaid and CHIP.

Sec. 5007. Funding for oversight and implementation.

Sec. 5008. GAO study and report regarding State needs during periods of national economic downturn.

SEC. 5001. TEMPORARY INCREASE OF MEDICAID FMAP.

(a) PERMITTING MAINTENANCE OF FMAP.—Subject to subsections (e), (f), and (g), if the FMAP determined without regard to this section for a State for—

(1) fiscal year 2009 is less than the FMAP as so determined for fiscal year 2008, the FMAP for the State for fiscal year 2008 shall be substituted for the State's FMAP for fiscal year 2009, before the application of this section;

(2) fiscal year 2010 is less than the FMAP as so determined for fiscal year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 (after the application of paragraph (1)), the greater of such FMAP for the State for fiscal

year 2008 or fiscal year 2009 shall be substituted for the State's FMAP for fiscal year 2010, before the application of this section; and

(3) fiscal year 2011 is less than the FMAP as so determined for fiscal year 2008, fiscal year 2009 (after the application of paragraph (1)), or fiscal year 2010 (after the application of paragraph (2)), the greatest of such FMAP for the State for fiscal year 2008, fiscal year 2009, or fiscal year 2010 shall be substituted for the State's FMAP for fiscal year 2011, before the application of this section, but only for the first calendar quarter in fiscal year 2011.

(b) GENERAL 6.2 PERCENTAGE POINT INCREASE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (e), (f), and (g) and paragraph (2), for each State for calendar quarters during the recession adjustment period (as defined in subsection (h)(3)), the FMAP (after the application of subsection (a)) shall be increased (without regard to any limitation otherwise specified in section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b))) by 6.2 percentage points.

(2) SPECIAL ELECTION FOR TERRITORIES.—In the case of a State that is not one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia, paragraph (1) shall only apply if the State makes a one-time election, in a form and manner specified by the Secretary and for the entire recession adjustment period, to apply the increase in FMAP under paragraph (1) and a 15 percent increase under subsection (d) instead of applying a 30 percent increase under subsection (d).

(c) ADDITIONAL RELIEF BASED ON INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (e), (f), and (g), if a State is a qualifying State under paragraph (2) for a calendar quarter occurring during the recession adjustment period, the FMAP for the State shall be further increased by the number of percentage points equal to the product of—

(A) the State percentage applicable for the State under section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) after the application of subsection (a) and after the application of ½ of the increase under subsection (b); and

(B) the applicable percent determined in paragraph (3) for the calendar quarter (or, if greater, for a previous such calendar quarter).

(2) QUALIFYING CRITERIA.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), a State qualifies for additional relief under this subsection for a calendar quarter occurring during the recession adjustment period if the State is 1 of the 50 States or the District of Columbia and the State satisfies any of the following criteria for the quarter:

(i) The State unemployment increase percentage (as defined in paragraph (4)) for the quarter is at least 1.5 percentage points but less than 2.5 percentage points.

(ii) The State unemployment increase percentage for the quarter is at least 2.5 percentage points but less than 3.5 percentage points.

(iii) The State unemployment increase percentage for the quarter is at least 3.5 percentage points.

(B) MAINTENANCE OF STATUS.—If a State qualifies for additional relief under this subsection for a calendar quarter, it shall be deemed to have qualified for such relief for each subsequent calendar quarter ending before July 1, 2010.

(3) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), subject to subparagraph (B), the applicable percent is—

(i) 5.5 percent, if the State satisfies the criteria described in paragraph (2)(A)(i) for the calendar quarter;

(ii) 8.5 percent if the State satisfies the criteria described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) for the calendar quarter; and

(iii) 11.5 percent if the State satisfies the criteria described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii) for the calendar quarter.

(B) MAINTENANCE OF HIGHER APPLICABLE PERCENT.—

(i) HOLD HARMLESS PERIOD.—If the percent applied to a State under subparagraph (A) for any calendar quarter in the recession adjustment period beginning on or after January 1, 2009, and ending before July 1, 2010, (determined without regard to this subparagraph) is less than the percent applied for the preceding quarter (as so determined), the higher applicable percent shall continue in effect for each subsequent calendar quarter ending before July 1, 2010.

(ii) NOTICE OF LOWER APPLICABLE PERCENT.—The Secretary shall notify a State at least 60 days prior to applying any lower applicable percent to the State under this paragraph.

(4) COMPUTATION OF STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE PERCENTAGE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection, the "State unemployment increase percentage" for a State for a calendar quarter is equal to the number of percentage points (if any) by which—

(i) the average monthly unemployment rate for the State for months in the most recent previous 3-consecutive-month period for which data are available, subject to subparagraph (C); exceeds

(ii) the lowest average monthly unemployment rate for the State for any 3-consecutive-month period preceding the period described in clause (i) and beginning on or after January 1, 2006.

(B) AVERAGE MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term "average monthly unemployment rate" means the average of the monthly number unemployed, divided by the average of the monthly civilian labor force, seasonally adjusted, as determined based on the most recent monthly publications of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor.

(C) SPECIAL RULE.—With respect to—

(i) the first 2 calendar quarters of the recession adjustment period, the most recent previous 3-consecutive-month period described in subparagraph (A)(i) shall be the 3-consecutive-month period beginning with October 2008; and

(ii) the last 2 calendar quarters of the recession adjustment period, the most recent previous 3-consecutive-month period described in such subparagraph shall be the 3-consecutive-month period beginning with December 2009, or, if it results in a higher applicable percent under paragraph (3), the 3-consecutive-month period beginning with January 2010.

(d) INCREASE IN CAP ON MEDICAID PAYMENTS TO TERRITORIES.—Subject to subsections (f) and (g), with respect to entire fiscal years occurring during the recession adjustment period and with respect to fiscal years only a portion of which occurs during such period (and in proportion to the portion of the fiscal year that occurs during such period), the amounts otherwise determined for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa under subsections (f) and (g) of section 1108 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) shall each be increased by 30 percent (or, in the case of an election under subsection (b)(2), 15 percent). In the case of such an election by a territory, subsection (a)(1) of such section shall be applied without regard to any increase in payment made to the territory under part E of title IV of such Act that is attributable to the increase in FMAP effected under subsection (b) for the territory.

(e) SCOPE OF APPLICATION.—The increases in the FMAP for a State under this section shall apply for purposes of title XIX of the Social Security Act and shall not apply with respect to—

(1) disproportionate share hospital payments described in section 1923 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4);

(2) payments under title IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) (except that the increases under subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to payments under part E of title IV of such Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) and, for purposes of the application of this section to the District of Columbia, payments under such part shall be

deemed to be made on the basis of the FMAP applied with respect to such District for purposes of title XIX and as increased under subsection (b));

(3) payments under title XXI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.);

(4) any payments under title XIX of such Act that are based on the enhanced FMAP described in section 2105(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(b)); or

(5) any payments under title XIX of such Act that are attributable to expenditures for medical assistance provided to individuals made eligible under a State plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (including under any waiver under such title or under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315)) because of income standards (expressed as a percentage of the poverty line) for eligibility for medical assistance that are higher than the income standards (as so expressed) for such eligibility as in effect on July 1, 2008, (including as such standards were proposed to be in effect under a State law enacted but not effective as of such date or a State plan amendment or waiver request under title XIX of such Act that was pending approval on such date).

(f) STATE INELIGIBILITY; LIMITATION; SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) MAINTENANCE OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), a State is not eligible for an increase in its FMAP under subsection (a), (b), or (c), or an increase in a cap amount under subsection (d), if eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures under its State plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (including any waiver under such title or under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315)) are more restrictive than the eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures, respectively, under such plan (or waiver) as in effect on July 1, 2008.

(B) STATE REINSTATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY PERMITTED.—Subject to subparagraph (C), a State that has restricted eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures under its State plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (including any waiver under such title or under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315)) after July 1, 2008, is no longer ineligible under subparagraph (A) beginning with the first calendar quarter in which the State has reinstated eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures that are no more restrictive than the eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures, respectively, under such plan (or waiver) as in effect on July 1, 2008.

(C) SPECIAL RULES.—A State shall not be ineligible under subparagraph (A)—

(i) for the calendar quarters before July 1, 2009, on the basis of a restriction that was applied after July 1, 2008, and before the date of the enactment of this Act, if the State prior to July 1, 2009, has reinstated eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures that are no more restrictive than the eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures, respectively, under such plan (or waiver) as in effect on July 1, 2008; or

(ii) on the basis of a restriction that was directed to be made under State law as in effect on July 1, 2008, and would have been in effect as of such date, but for a delay in the effective date of a waiver under section 1115 of such Act with respect to such restriction.

(2) COMPLIANCE WITH PROMPT PAY REQUIREMENTS.—

(A) APPLICATION TO PRACTITIONERS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the succeeding provisions of this subparagraph, no State shall be eligible for an increased FMAP rate as provided under this section for any claim received by a State from a practitioner subject to the terms of section 1902(a)(37)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(37)(A)) for such days during any period in which that State has failed to pay claims in accordance with such section as applied under title XIX of such Act.

(ii) **REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**—Each State shall report to the Secretary, on a quarterly basis, its compliance with the requirements of clause (i) as such requirements pertain to claims made for covered services during each month of the preceding quarter.

(iii) **WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary may waive the application of clause (i) to a State, or the reporting requirement imposed under clause (ii), during any period in which there are exigent circumstances, including natural disasters, that prevent the timely processing of claims or the submission of such a report.

(iv) **APPLICATION TO CLAIMS.**—Clauses (i) and (ii) shall only apply to claims made for covered services after the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) APPLICATION TO NURSING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS.—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (ii), the provisions of subparagraph (A) shall apply with respect to a nursing facility or hospital, insofar as it is paid under title XIX of the Social Security Act on the basis of submission of claims, in the same or similar manner (but within the same timeframe) as such provisions apply to practitioners described in such subparagraph.

(ii) **GRACE PERIOD.**—Notwithstanding clause (i), no period of ineligibility shall be imposed against a State prior to June 1, 2009, on the basis of the State failing to pay a claim in accordance with such clause.

(3) **STATE'S APPLICATION TOWARD RAINY DAY FUND.**—A State is not eligible for an increase in its FMAP under subsection (b) or (c), or an increase in a cap amount under subsection (d), if any amounts attributable (directly or indirectly) to such increase are deposited or credited into any reserve or rainy day fund of the State.

(4) **NO WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—Except as provided in paragraph (2)(A)(iii), the Secretary may not waive the application of this subsection or subsection (g) under section 1115 of the Social Security Act or otherwise.

(5) **LIMITATION OF FMAP TO 100 PERCENT.**—In no case shall an increase in FMAP under this section result in an FMAP that exceeds 100 percent.

(6) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.**—With respect to expenditures described in section 2105(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(a)(1)(B)), as in effect before April 1, 2009, that are made during the period beginning on October 1, 2008, and ending on March 31, 2009, any additional Federal funds that are paid to a State as a result of this section that are attributable to such expenditures shall not be counted against any allotment under section 2104 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397d).

(g) REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) **STATE REPORTS.**—Each State that is paid additional Federal funds as a result of this section shall, not later than September 30, 2011, submit a report to the Secretary, in such form and such manner as the Secretary shall determine, regarding how the additional Federal funds were expended.

(2) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN STATES.**—In the case of a State that requires political subdivisions within the State to contribute toward the non-Federal share of expenditures under the State Medicaid plan required under section 1902(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(2)), the State is not eligible for an increase in its FMAP under subsection (b) or (c), or an increase in a cap amount under subsection (d), if it requires that such political subdivisions pay for quarters during the recession adjustment period a greater percentage of the non-Federal share of such expenditures, or a greater percentage of the non-Federal share of payments under section 1923, than the respective percentage that would have been required by the State under such plan on September 30, 2008, prior to application of this section.

(h) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, except as otherwise provided:

(1) **FMAP.**—The term “FMAP” means the Federal medical assistance percentage, as de-

finied in section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)), as determined without regard to this section except as otherwise specified.

(2) **POVERTY LINE.**—The term “poverty line” has the meaning given such term in section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)), including any revision required by such section.

(3) **RECESSION ADJUSTMENT PERIOD.**—The term “recession adjustment period” means the period beginning on October 1, 2008, and ending on December 31, 2010.

(4) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(5) **STATE.**—The term “State” has the meaning given such term in section 1101(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301(a)(1)) for purposes of title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

(i) **SUNSET.**—This section shall not apply to items and services furnished after the end of the recession adjustment period.

(j) **LIMITATION ON FMAP CHANGE.**—The increase in FMAP effected under section 614 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 shall not apply in the computation of the enhanced FMAP under title XXI or XIX of the Social Security Act for any period (notwithstanding subsection (i)).

SEC. 5002. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN DSH ALLOTMENTS DURING RECESSION.

Section 1923(f)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (6)” and inserting “paragraph (6) and subparagraph (E)”;

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) **TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ALLOTMENTS DURING RECESSION.**—

“(i) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to clause (ii), the DSH allotment for any State—

“(I) for fiscal year 2009 is equal to 102.5 percent of the DSH allotment that would be determined under this paragraph for the State for fiscal year 2009 without application of this subparagraph, notwithstanding subparagraphs (B) and (C);

“(II) for fiscal year 2010 is equal to 102.5 percent of the DSH allotment for the State for fiscal year 2009, as determined under subclause (I); and

“(III) for each succeeding fiscal year is equal to the DSH allotment for the State under this paragraph determined without applying subclauses (I) and (II).

“(ii) **APPLICATION.**—Clause (i) shall not apply to a State for a year in the case that the DSH allotment for such State for such year under this paragraph determined without applying clause (i) would grow higher than the DSH allotment specified under clause (i) for the State for such year.”

SEC. 5003. EXTENSION OF MORATORIA ON CERTAIN MEDICAID FINAL REGULATIONS.

(a) **FINAL REGULATIONS RELATING TO OPTIONAL CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ALLOWABLE PROVIDER TAXES.**—Section 7001(a)(3)(A) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-252) is amended by striking “April 1, 2009” and inserting “July 1, 2009”.

(b) **FINAL REGULATION RELATING TO SCHOOL-BASED ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL-BASED TRANSPORTATION.**—Section 206 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173), as amended by section 7001(a)(2) of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-252), is amended by inserting “(July 1, 2009, in the case of the final regulation relating to school-based administration and school-based transportation)” after “April 1, 2009”.

(c) **FINAL REGULATION RELATING TO OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL FACILITY SERVICES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, with

respect to expenditures for services furnished during the period beginning on December 8, 2008, and ending on June 30, 2009, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not take any action (through promulgation of regulation, issuance of regulatory guidance, use of Federal payment audit procedures, or other administrative action, policy, or practice, including a Medical Assistance Manual transmittal or letter to State Medicaid directors) to implement the final regulation relating to clarification of the definition of outpatient hospital facility services under the Medicaid program published on November 7, 2008 (73 Federal Register 66187).

(d) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Health and Human Services should not promulgate as final regulations any of the following proposed Medicaid regulations:

(1) **COST LIMITS FOR CERTAIN PROVIDERS.**—The proposed regulation published on January 18, 2007, (72 Federal Register 2236) (and the purported final regulation published on May 29, 2007 (72 Federal Register 29748) and determined by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to have been “improperly promulgated”, Alameda County Medical Center, et al., v. Leavitt, et al., Civil Action No. 08-0422, Mem. at 4 (D.D.C. May 23, 2008)).

(2) **PAYMENTS FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION.**—The proposed regulation published on May 23, 2007 (72 Federal Register 28930).

(3) **REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.**—The proposed regulation published on August 13, 2007 (72 Federal Register 45201).

SEC. 5004. EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (TMA).

(a) **18-MONTH EXTENSION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Sections 1902(e)(1)(B) and 1925(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(1)(B), 1396r-6(f)) are each amended by striking “September 30, 2003” and inserting “December 31, 2010”.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

(b) **STATE OPTION OF INITIAL 12-MONTH ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 1925 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-6) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “but subject to paragraph (5)” after “Notwithstanding any other provision of this title”;

(2) by adding at the end of subsection (a) the following:

“(5) **OPTION OF 12-MONTH INITIAL ELIGIBILITY PERIOD.**—A State may elect to treat any reference in this subsection to a 6-month period (or 6 months) as a reference to a 12-month period (or 12 months). In the case of such an election, subsection (b) shall not apply.”; and

(3) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “but subject to subsection (a)(5)” after “Notwithstanding any other provision of this title”.

(c) **REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR PREVIOUS RECEIPT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.**—Section 1925(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-6(a)(1)), as amended by subsection (b)(1), is further amended—

(1) by inserting “subparagraph (B) and” before “paragraph (5)”;

(2) by redesignating the matter after “REQUIREMENT.—” as a subparagraph (A) with the heading “IN GENERAL.—” and with the same indentation as subparagraph (B) (as added by paragraph (3)); and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) **STATE OPTION TO WAIVE REQUIREMENT FOR 3 MONTHS BEFORE RECEIPT OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.**—A State may, at its option, elect also to apply subparagraph (A) in the case of a family that was receiving such aid for fewer than three months or that had applied for and was eligible for such aid for fewer than 3 months during the 6 immediately preceding months described in such subparagraph.”

(d) **CMS REPORT ON ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES UNDER TMA.**—Section 1925 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-6), as amended by this

section, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) COLLECTION AND REPORTING OF PARTICIPATION INFORMATION.—

“(1) COLLECTION OF INFORMATION FROM STATES.—Each State shall collect and submit to the Secretary (and make publicly available), in a format specified by the Secretary, information on average monthly enrollment and average monthly participation rates for adults and children under this section and of the number and percentage of children who become ineligible for medical assistance under this section whose medical assistance is continued under another eligibility category or who are enrolled under the State’s child health plan under title XXI. Such information shall be submitted at the same time and frequency in which other enrollment information under this title is submitted to the Secretary.

“(2) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Using the information submitted under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to Congress annual reports concerning enrollment and participation rates described in such paragraph.”

(e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (b) through (d) shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

SEC. 5005. EXTENSION OF THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL (QU) PROGRAM.

(a) EXTENSION.—Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iv)) is amended by striking “December 2009” and inserting “December 2010”.

(b) EXTENDING TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.—Section 1933(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u-3(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (K);

(B) in subparagraph (L), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(M) for the period that begins on January 1, 2010, and ends on September 30, 2010, the total allocation amount is \$412,500,000; and

“(N) for the period that begins on October 1, 2010, and ends on December 31, 2010, the total allocation amount is \$150,000,000.”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “or (L)” and inserting “(L), or (N)”.

SEC. 5006. PROTECTIONS FOR INDIANS UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP.

(a) PREMIUMS AND COST SHARING PROTECTION UNDER MEDICAID.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1916 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “and (i)” and inserting “, (i), and (j)”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(j) NO PREMIUMS OR COST SHARING FOR INDIANS FURNISHED ITEMS OR SERVICES DIRECTLY BY INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS OR THROUGH REFERRAL UNDER CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES.—

“(1) NO COST SHARING FOR ITEMS OR SERVICES FURNISHED TO INDIANS THROUGH INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—No enrollment fee, premium, or similar charge, and no deduction, copayment, cost sharing, or similar charge shall be imposed against an Indian who is furnished an item or service directly by the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization or through referral under contract health services for which payment may be made under this title.

“(B) NO REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF PAYMENT TO INDIAN HEALTH PROVIDERS.—Payment due under this title to the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization, or a health care provider through referral under contract health services for the furnishing of an item or service to an In-

dian who is eligible for assistance under such title, may not be reduced by the amount of any enrollment fee, premium, or similar charge, or any deduction, copayment, cost sharing, or similar charge that would be due from the Indian but for the operation of subparagraph (A).

“(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as restricting the application of any other limitations on the imposition of premiums or cost sharing that may apply to an individual receiving medical assistance under this title who is an Indian.”

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1916A(b)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o-1(b)(3)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(vii) An Indian who is furnished an item or service directly by the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization or Urban Indian Organization or through referral under contract health services.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(x) Items and services furnished to an Indian directly by the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization or Urban Indian Organization or through referral under contract health services.”

(b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM RESOURCES FOR MEDICAID AND CHIP ELIGIBILITY.—

(1) MEDICAID.—Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a), as amended by sections 203(c) and 211(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-3), is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(ff) Notwithstanding any other requirement of this title or any other provision of Federal or State law, a State shall disregard the following property from resources for purposes of determining the eligibility of an individual who is an Indian for medical assistance under this title:

“(1) Property, including real property and improvements, that is held in trust, subject to Federal restrictions, or otherwise under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, located on a reservation, including any federally recognized Indian Tribe’s reservation, pueblo, or colony, including former reservations in Oklahoma, Alaska Native regions established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and Indian allotments on or near a reservation as designated and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs of the Department of the Interior.

“(2) For any federally recognized Tribe not described in paragraph (1), property located within the most recent boundaries of a prior Federal reservation.

“(3) Ownership interests in rents, leases, royalties, or usage rights related to natural resources (including extraction of natural resources or harvesting of timber, other plants and plant products, animals, fish, and shellfish) resulting from the exercise of federally protected rights.

“(4) Ownership interests in or usage rights to items not covered by paragraphs (1) through (3) that have unique religious, spiritual, traditional, or cultural significance or rights that support subsistence or a traditional lifestyle according to applicable tribal law or custom.”

(2) APPLICATION TO CHIP.—Section 2107(e)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg(e)(1)), as amended by sections 203(a)(2), 203(d)(2), 214(b), 501(d)(2), and 503(a)(1) of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-3), is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) through (I), as subparagraphs (D) through (J), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (B), the following new subparagraph:

“(C) Section 1902(ff) (relating to disregard of certain property for purposes of making eligibility determinations).”

(c) CONTINUATION OF CURRENT LAW PROTECTIONS OF CERTAIN INDIAN PROPERTY FROM MED-

ICAID ESTATE RECOVERY.—Section 1917(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396p(b)(3)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “(3)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) The standards specified by the Secretary under subparagraph (A) shall require that the procedures established by the State agency under subparagraph (A) exempt income, resources, and property that are exempt from the application of this subsection as of April 1, 2003, under manual instructions issued to carry out this subsection (as in effect on such date) because of the Federal responsibility for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed as preventing the Secretary from providing additional estate recovery exemptions under this title for Indians.”

(d) RULES APPLICABLE UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP TO MANAGED CARE ENTITIES WITH RESPECT TO INDIAN ENROLLEES AND INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND INDIAN MANAGED CARE ENTITIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1932 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u-2) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(h) SPECIAL RULES WITH RESPECT TO INDIAN ENROLLEES, INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND INDIAN MANAGED CARE ENTITIES.—

“(1) ENROLLEE OPTION TO SELECT AN INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AS PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.—In the case of a non-Indian Medicaid managed care entity that—

“(A) has an Indian enrolled with the entity; and

“(B) has an Indian health care provider that is participating as a primary care provider within the network of the entity,

insofar as the Indian is otherwise eligible to receive services from such Indian health care provider and the Indian health care provider has the capacity to provide primary care services to such Indian, the contract with the entity under section 1903(m) or under section 1905(t)(3) shall require, as a condition of receiving payment under such contract, that the Indian shall be allowed to choose such Indian health care provider as the Indian’s primary care provider under the entity.

“(2) ASSURANCE OF PAYMENT TO INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS FOR PROVISION OF COVERED SERVICES.—Each contract with a managed care entity under section 1903(m) or under section 1905(t)(3) shall require any such entity, as a condition of receiving payment under such contract, to satisfy the following requirements:

“(A) DEMONSTRATION OF ACCESS TO INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND APPLICATION OF ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS.—Subject to subparagraph (C), to—

“(i) demonstrate that the number of Indian health care providers that are participating providers with respect to such entity are sufficient to ensure timely access to covered Medicaid managed care services for those Indian enrollees who are eligible to receive services from such providers; and

“(ii) agree to pay Indian health care providers, whether such providers are participating or nonparticipating providers with respect to the entity, for covered Medicaid managed care services provided to those Indian enrollees who are eligible to receive services from such providers at a rate equal to the rate negotiated between such entity and the provider involved or, if such a rate has not been negotiated, at a rate that is not less than the level and amount of payment which the entity would make for the services if the services were furnished by a participating provider which is not an Indian health care provider.

The Secretary shall establish procedures for applying the requirements of clause (i) in States where there are no or few Indian health providers.

“(B) PROMPT PAYMENT.—To agree to make prompt payment (consistent with rule for prompt payment of providers under section 1932(f)) to Indian health care providers that are participating providers with respect to such entity or, in the case of an entity to which subparagraph (A)(ii) or (C) applies, that the entity is required to pay in accordance with that subparagraph.

“(C) APPLICATION OF SPECIAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERALLY-QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—

“(i) FEDERALLY-QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—“(I) MANAGED CARE ENTITY PAYMENT REQUIREMENT.—To agree to pay any Indian health care provider that is a federally-qualified health center under this title but not a participating provider with respect to the entity, for the provision of covered Medicaid managed care services by such provider to an Indian enrollee of the entity at a rate equal to the amount of payment that the entity would pay a federally-qualified health center that is a participating provider with respect to the entity but is not an Indian health care provider for such services.

“(II) CONTINUED APPLICATION OF STATE REQUIREMENT TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT.—Nothing in subclause (I) or subparagraph (A) or (B) shall be construed as waiving the application of section 1902(bb)(5) regarding the State plan requirement to make any supplemental payment due under such section to a federally-qualified health center for services furnished by such center to an enrollee of a managed care entity (regardless of whether the federally-qualified health center is or is not a participating provider with the entity).

“(ii) PAYMENT RATE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY CERTAIN INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.—If the amount paid by a managed care entity to an Indian health care provider that is not a federally-qualified health center for services provided by the provider to an Indian enrollee with the managed care entity is less than the rate that applies to the provision of such services by the provider under the State plan, the plan shall provide for payment to the Indian health care provider, whether the provider is a participating or nonparticipating provider with respect to the entity, of the difference between such applicable rate and the amount paid by the managed care entity to the provider for such services.

“(D) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as waiving the application of section 1902(a)(30)(A) (relating to application of standards to assure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care).

“(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR ENROLLMENT FOR INDIAN MANAGED CARE ENTITIES.—Regarding the application of a Medicaid managed care program to Indian Medicaid managed care entities, an Indian Medicaid managed care entity may restrict enrollment under such program to Indians in the same manner as Indian Health Programs may restrict the delivery of services to Indians.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection:

“(A) INDIAN HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The term ‘Indian health care provider’ means an Indian Health Program or an Urban Indian Organization.

“(B) INDIAN MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENTITY.—The term ‘Indian Medicaid managed care entity’ means a managed care entity that is controlled (within the meaning of the last sentence of section 1903(m)(1)(C)) by the Indian Health Service, a Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization, or a consortium, which may be composed of 1 or more Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Urban Indian Organizations, and which also may include the Service.

“(C) NON-INDIAN MEDICAID MANAGED CARE ENTITY.—The term ‘non-Indian Medicaid managed care entity’ means a managed care entity that is not an Indian Medicaid managed care entity.

“(D) COVERED MEDICAID MANAGED CARE SERVICES.—The term ‘covered Medicaid managed care services’ means, with respect to an individual enrolled with a managed care entity, items and services for which benefits are available with respect to the individual under the contract between the entity and the State involved.

“(E) MEDICAID MANAGED CARE PROGRAM.—The term ‘Medicaid managed care program’ means a program under sections 1903(m), 1905(t), and 1932 and includes a managed care program operating under a waiver under section 1915(b) or 1115 or otherwise.”.

(2) APPLICATION TO CHIP.—Section 2107(e)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg(1)), as amended by subsection (b)(2), is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as subparagraph (K); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the following new subparagraph:

“(J) Subsections (a)(2)(C) and (h) of section 1932.”.

(e) CONSULTATION ON MEDICAID, CHIP, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS FUNDED UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT INVOLVING INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAMS AND URBAN INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS.—

(1) CONSULTATION WITH TRIBAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TTAG).—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall maintain within the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) a Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG), which was first established in accordance with requirements of the charter dated September 30, 2003, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall include in such Group a representative of a national urban Indian health organization and a representative of the Indian Health Service. The inclusion of a representative of a national urban Indian health organization in such Group shall not affect the non-application of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) to such Group.

(2) SOLICITATION OF ADVICE UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP.—

(A) MEDICAID STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)), as amended by section 501(d)(1) of the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–3), (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

(i) in paragraph (71), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (72), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by inserting after paragraph (72), the following new paragraph:

“(73) in the case of any State in which 1 or more Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnishes health care services, provide for a process under which the State seeks advice on a regular, ongoing basis from designees of such Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations on matters relating to the application of this title that are likely to have a direct effect on such Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations and that—

“(A) shall include solicitation of advice prior to submission of any plan amendments, waiver requests, and proposals for demonstration projects likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations; and

“(B) may include appointment of an advisory committee and of a designee of such Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations to the medical care advisory committee advising the State on its State plan under this title.”.

(B) APPLICATION TO CHIP.—Section 2107(e)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397gg(1)), as amended by subsections (b)(2) and (d) (2), is amended—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), and (K) as subparagraphs (D), (F), (B), (E), (G), (I), (H), (J), (K), and (L), respectively;

(ii) by moving such subparagraphs so as to appear in alphabetical order; and

(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated and moved) the following new subparagraph:

“(C) Section 1902(a)(73) (relating to requiring certain States to seek advice from designees of Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations).”.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the amendments made by this subsection shall be construed as superseding existing advisory committees, working groups, guidance, or other advisory procedures established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services or by any State with respect to the provision of health care to Indians.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

SEC. 5007. FUNDING FOR OVERSIGHT AND IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) OVERSIGHT.—For purposes of ensuring the proper expenditure of Federal funds under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), there is appropriated to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and without further appropriation, \$31,250,000 for fiscal year 2009, which shall remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2011, and shall be in addition to any other amounts appropriated or made available to such Office for such purposes.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASED FMAP.—For purposes of carrying out section 5001, there is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and without further appropriation, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2009, which shall remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2011, and shall be in addition to any other amounts appropriated or made available to such Secretary for such purposes.

SEC. 5008. GAO STUDY AND REPORT REGARDING STATE NEEDS DURING PERIODS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall study the period of national economic downturn in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, as well as previous periods of national economic downturn since 1974, for the purpose of developing recommendations for addressing the needs of States during such periods. As part of such analysis, the Comptroller General shall study the past and projected effects of temporary increases in the Federal medical assistance percentage under the Medicaid program with respect to such periods.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2011, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the results of the study conducted under paragraph (1). Such report shall include the following:

(1) Such recommendations as the Comptroller General determines appropriate for modifying the national economic downturn assistance formula for temporary adjustment of the Federal medical assistance percentage under Medicaid (also referred to as a “countercyclical FMAP”) described in GAO report number GAO–07–97 to improve the effectiveness of the application of such percentage in addressing the needs of States during periods of national economic downturn, including recommendations for—

(A) improvements to the factors that would begin and end the application of such percentage;

(B) how the determination of the amount of such percentage could be adjusted to address State and regional economic variations during such periods; and

(C) how the determination of the amount of such percentage could be adjusted to be more responsive to actual Medicaid costs incurred by States during such periods.

(2) An analysis of the impact on States during such periods of—

(A) declines in private health benefits coverage;

(B) declines in State revenues; and

(C) caseload maintenance and growth under Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, or any other publicly-funded programs to provide health benefits coverage for State residents.

(3) Identification of, and recommendations for addressing, the effects on States of any other specific economic indicators that the Comptroller General determines appropriate.

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SEC. 6001. BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

(a) The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information (Assistant Secretary), in consultation with the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), shall establish a national broadband service development and expansion program in conjunction with the technology opportunities program, which shall be referred to as the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The Assistant Secretary shall ensure that the program complements and enhances and does not conflict with other Federal broadband initiatives and programs.

(b) The purposes of the program are to—

(1) provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved areas of the United States;

(2) provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the United States;

(3) provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to—

(A) schools, libraries, medical and healthcare providers, community colleges and other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities to facilitate greater use of broadband service by or through these organizations;

(B) organizations and agencies that provide outreach, access, equipment, and support services to facilitate greater use of broadband service by low-income, unemployed, aged, and otherwise vulnerable populations; and

(C) job-creating strategic facilities located within a State-designated economic zone, Economic Development District designated by the Department of Commerce, Renewal Community or Empowerment Zone designated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or Enterprise Community designated by the Department of Agriculture;

(4) improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies; and

(5) stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

(c) The Assistant Secretary may consult a State, the District of Columbia, or territory or possession of the United States with respect to—

(1) the identification of areas described in subsection (b)(1) or (2) located in that State; and

(2) the allocation of grant funds within that State for projects in or affecting the State.

(d) The Assistant Secretary shall—

(1) establish and implement the grant program as expeditiously as practicable;

(2) ensure that all awards are made before the end of fiscal year 2010;

(3) seek such assurances as may be necessary or appropriate from grantees under the program that they will substantially complete projects supported by the program in accordance with

project timelines, not to exceed 2 years following an award; and

(4) report on the status of the program to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, every 90 days.

(e) To be eligible for a grant under the program, an applicant shall—

(1)(A) be a State or political subdivision thereof, the District of Columbia, a territory or possession of the United States, an Indian tribe (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450(b)) or native Hawaiian organization;

(B) a nonprofit—

(i) foundation,

(ii) corporation,

(iii) institution, or

(iv) association; or

(C) any other entity, including a broadband service or infrastructure provider, that the Assistant Secretary finds by rule to be in the public interest. In establishing such rule, the Assistant Secretary shall to the extent practicable promote the purposes of this section in a technologically neutral manner;

(2) submit an application, at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Assistant Secretary may require;

(3) provide a detailed explanation of how any amount received under the program will be used to carry out the purposes of this section in an efficient and expeditious manner, including a showing that the project would not have been implemented during the grant period without Federal grant assistance;

(4) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Assistant Secretary, that it is capable of carrying out the project or function to which the application relates in a competent manner in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws;

(5) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Assistant Secretary, that it will appropriate (if the applicant is a State or local government agency) or otherwise unconditionally obligate, from non-Federal sources, funds required to meet the requirements of subsection (f);

(6) disclose to the Assistant Secretary the source and amount of other Federal or State funding sources from which the applicant receives, or has applied for, funding for activities or projects to which the application relates; and

(7) provide such assurances and procedures as the Assistant Secretary may require to ensure that grant funds are used and accounted for in an appropriate manner.

(f) The Federal share of any project may not exceed 80 percent, except that the Assistant Secretary may increase the Federal share of a project above 80 percent if—

(1) the applicant petitions the Assistant Secretary for a waiver; and

(2) the Assistant Secretary determines that the petition demonstrates financial need.

(g) The Assistant Secretary may make competitive grants under the program to—

(1) acquire equipment, instrumentation, networking capability, hardware and software, digital network technology, and infrastructure for broadband services;

(2) construct and deploy broadband service related infrastructure;

(3) ensure access to broadband service by community anchor institutions;

(4) facilitate access to broadband service by low-income, unemployed, aged, and otherwise vulnerable populations in order to provide educational and employment opportunities to members of such populations;

(5) construct and deploy broadband facilities that improve public safety broadband communications services; and

(6) undertake such other projects and activities as the Assistant Secretary finds to be con-

sistent with the purposes for which the program is established.

(h) The Assistant Secretary, in awarding grants under this section, shall, to the extent practical—

(1) award not less than 1 grant in each State;

(2) consider whether an application to deploy infrastructure in an area—

(A) will, if approved, increase the affordability of, and subscribership to, service to the greatest population of users in the area;

(B) will, if approved, provide the greatest broadband speed possible to the greatest population of users in the area;

(C) will, if approved, enhance service for health care delivery, education, or children to the greatest population of users in the area; and

(D) will, if approved, not result in unjust enrichment as a result of support for non-recurring costs through another Federal program for service in the area; and

(3) consider whether the applicant is a socially and economically disadvantaged small business concern as defined under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637).

(i) The Assistant Secretary—

(1) shall require any entity receiving a grant pursuant to this section to report quarterly, in a format specified by the Assistant Secretary, on such entity's use of the assistance and progress fulfilling the objectives for which such funds were granted, and the Assistant Secretary shall make these reports available to the public;

(2) may establish additional reporting and information requirements for any recipient of any assistance made available pursuant to this section;

(3) shall establish appropriate mechanisms to ensure appropriate use and compliance with all terms of any use of funds made available pursuant to this section;

(4) may, in addition to other authority under applicable law, deobligate awards to grantees that demonstrate an insufficient level of performance, or wasteful or fraudulent spending, as defined in advance by the Assistant Secretary, and award these funds competitively to new or existing applicants consistent with this section; and

(5) shall create and maintain a fully searchable database, accessible on the Internet at no cost to the public, that contains at least a list of each entity that has applied for a grant under this section, a description of each application, the status of each such application, the name of each entity receiving funds made available pursuant to this section, the purpose for which such entity is receiving such funds, each quarterly report submitted by the entity pursuant to this section, and such other information sufficient to allow the public to understand and monitor grants awarded under the program.

(j) Concurrent with the issuance of the Request for Proposal for grant applications pursuant to this section, the Assistant Secretary shall, in coordination with the Commission, publish the non-discrimination and network interconnection obligations that shall be contractual conditions of grants awarded under this section, including, at a minimum, adherence to the principles contained in the Commission's broadband policy statement (FCC 05-15, adopted August 5, 2005).

(k)(1) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report containing a national broadband plan.

(2) The national broadband plan required by this section shall seek to ensure that all people of the United States have access to broadband capability and shall establish benchmarks for meeting that goal. The plan shall also include—

(A) an analysis of the most effective and efficient mechanisms for ensuring broadband access by all people of the United States;

(B) a detailed strategy for achieving affordability of such service and maximum utilization of broadband infrastructure and service by the public;

(C) an evaluation of the status of deployment of broadband service, including progress of projects supported by the grants made pursuant to this section; and

(D) a plan for use of broadband infrastructure and services in advancing consumer welfare, civic participation, public safety and homeland security, community development, health care delivery, energy independence and efficiency, education, worker training, private sector investment, entrepreneurial activity, job creation and economic growth, and other national purposes.

(3) In developing the plan, the Commission shall have access to data provided to other Government agencies under the Broadband Data Improvement Act (47 U.S.C. 1301 note).

(l) The Assistant Secretary shall develop and maintain a comprehensive nationwide inventory map of existing broadband service capability and availability in the United States that depicts the geographic extent to which broadband service capability is deployed and available from a commercial provider or public provider throughout each State. Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall make the broadband inventory map developed and maintained pursuant to this section accessible by the public on a World Wide Web site of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in a form that is interactive and searchable.

(m) The Assistant Secretary shall have the authority to prescribe such rules as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

TITLE VII—LIMITS ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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TITLE VII—LIMITS ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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SEC. 7001. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

Section 111 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5221) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 111. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

“(1) SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.—The term ‘senior executive officer’ means an individual who is 1 of the top 5 most highly paid executives of a public company, whose compensation is required to be disclosed pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and any regulations issued thereunder, and non-public company counterparts.

“(2) GOLDEN PARACHUTE PAYMENT.—The term ‘golden parachute payment’ means any payment to a senior executive officer for departure from a company for any reason, except for payments for services performed or benefits accrued.

“(3) TARP RECIPIENT.—The term ‘TARP recipient’ means any entity that has received or will receive financial assistance under the financial assistance provided under the TARP.

“(4) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commission’ means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“(5) PERIOD IN WHICH OBLIGATION IS OUTSTANDING; RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of this section, the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided under the TARP remains outstanding does not include any period during which the Federal Government only holds warrants to purchase common stock of the TARP recipient.

“(b) EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS.—During the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided under the TARP remains outstanding, each TARP recipient shall be subject to—

“(A) the standards established by the Secretary under this section; and

“(B) the provisions of section 162(m)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable.

“(2) STANDARDS REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall require each TARP recipient to meet appropriate standards for executive compensation and corporate governance.

“(3) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—The standards established under paragraph (2) shall include the following:

“(A) Limits on compensation that exclude incentives for senior executive officers of the TARP recipient to take unnecessary and excessive risks that threaten the value of such recipient during the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided under the TARP remains outstanding.

“(B) A provision for the recovery by such TARP recipient of any bonus, retention award, or incentive compensation paid to a senior executive officer and any of the next 20 most highly-compensated employees of the TARP recipient based on statements of earnings, revenues, gains, or other criteria that are later found to be materially inaccurate.

“(C) A prohibition on such TARP recipient making any golden parachute payment to a senior executive officer or any of the next 5 most highly-compensated employees of the TARP recipient during the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided under the TARP remains outstanding.

“(D)(i) A prohibition on such TARP recipient paying or accruing any bonus, retention award, or incentive compensation during the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided under the TARP remains outstanding, except that any prohibition developed under this paragraph shall not apply to the payment of long-term restricted stock by such TARP recipient, provided that such long-term restricted stock—

“(I) does not fully vest during the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided to that TARP recipient remains outstanding;

“(II) has a value in an amount that is not greater than 1/3 of the total amount of annual compensation of the employee receiving the stock; and

“(III) is subject to such other terms and conditions as the Secretary may determine is in the public interest.

“(ii) The prohibition required under clause (i) shall apply as follows:

“(I) For any financial institution that received financial assistance provided under the TARP equal to less than \$25,000,000, the prohibition shall apply only to the most highly-compensated employee of the financial institution.

“(II) For any financial institution that received financial assistance provided under the TARP equal to at least \$25,000,000, but less than \$250,000,000, the prohibition shall apply to at least the 5 most highly-compensated employees of the financial institution, or such higher number as the Secretary may determine is in the public interest with respect to any TARP recipient.

“(III) For any financial institution that received financial assistance provided under the TARP equal to at least \$250,000,000, but less than \$500,000,000, the prohibition shall apply to the senior executive officers and at least the 10 next most highly-compensated employees, or such higher number as the Secretary may determine is in the public interest with respect to any TARP recipient.

“(IV) For any financial institution that received financial assistance provided under the

TARP equal to \$500,000,000 or more, the prohibition shall apply to the senior executive officers and at least the 20 next most highly-compensated employees, or such higher number as the Secretary may determine is in the public interest with respect to any TARP recipient.

“(iii) The prohibition required under clause (i) shall not be construed to prohibit any bonus payment required to be paid pursuant to a written employment contract executed on or before February 11, 2009, as such valid employment contracts are determined by the Secretary or the designee of the Secretary.

“(E) A prohibition on any compensation plan that would encourage manipulation of the reported earnings of such TARP recipient to enhance the compensation of any of its employees.

“(F) A requirement for the establishment of a Board Compensation Committee that meets the requirements of subsection (c).

“(4) CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE.—The chief executive officer and chief financial officer (or the equivalents thereof) of each TARP recipient shall provide a written certification of compliance by the TARP recipient with the requirements of this section—

“(A) in the case of a TARP recipient, the securities of which are publicly traded, to the Securities and Exchange Commission, together with annual filings required under the securities laws; and

“(B) in the case of a TARP recipient that is not a publicly traded company, to the Secretary.

“(c) BOARD COMPENSATION COMMITTEE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD REQUIRED.—Each TARP recipient shall establish a Board Compensation Committee, comprised entirely of independent directors, for the purpose of reviewing employee compensation plans.

“(2) MEETINGS.—The Board Compensation Committee of each TARP recipient shall meet at least semiannually to discuss and evaluate employee compensation plans in light of an assessment of any risk posed to the TARP recipient from such plans.

“(3) COMPLIANCE BY NON-SEC REGISTRANTS.—In the case of any TARP recipient, the common or preferred stock of which is not registered pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and that has received \$25,000,000 or less of TARP assistance, the duties of the Board Compensation Committee under this subsection shall be carried out by the board of directors of such TARP recipient.

“(d) LIMITATION ON LUXURY EXPENDITURES.—The board of directors of any TARP recipient shall have in place a company-wide policy regarding excessive or luxury expenditures, as identified by the Secretary, which may include excessive expenditures on—

“(1) entertainment or events;

“(2) office and facility renovations;

“(3) aviation or other transportation services;

or

“(4) other activities or events that are not reasonable expenditures for staff development, reasonable performance incentives, or other similar measures conducted in the normal course of the business operations of the TARP recipient.

“(e) SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.—

“(1) ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.—Any proxy or consent or authorization for an annual or other meeting of the shareholders of any TARP recipient during the period in which any obligation arising from financial assistance provided under the TARP remains outstanding shall permit a separate shareholder vote to approve the compensation of executives, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Commission (which disclosure shall include the compensation discussion and analysis, the compensation tables, and any related material).

“(2) NONBINDING VOTE.—A shareholder vote described in paragraph (1) shall not be binding on the board of directors of a TARP recipient, and may not be construed as overruling a decision by such board, nor to create or imply any

additional fiduciary duty by such board, nor shall such vote be construed to restrict or limit the ability of shareholders to make proposals for inclusion in proxy materials related to executive compensation.

“(3) **DEADLINE FOR RULEMAKING.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Commission shall issue any final rules and regulations required by this subsection.

“(f) **REVIEW OF PRIOR PAYMENTS TO EXECUTIVES.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall review bonuses, retention awards, and other compensation paid to the senior executive officers and the next 20 most highly-compensated employees of each entity receiving TARP assistance before the date of enactment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to determine whether any such payments were inconsistent with the purposes of this section or the TARP or were otherwise contrary to the public interest.

“(2) **NEGOTIATIONS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.**—If the Secretary makes a determination described in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall seek to negotiate with the TARP recipient and the subject employee for appropriate reimbursements to the Federal Government with respect to compensation or bonuses.

“(g) **NO IMPEDIMENT TO WITHDRAWAL BY TARP RECIPIENTS.**—Subject to consultation with the appropriate Federal banking agency (as that term is defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act), if any, the Secretary shall permit a TARP recipient to repay any assistance previously provided under the TARP to such financial institution, without regard to whether the financial institution has replaced such funds from any other source or to any waiting period, and when such assistance is repaid, the Secretary shall liquidate warrants associated with such assistance at the current market price.

“(h) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.”.

SEC. 7002. APPLICABILITY WITH RESPECT TO LOAN MODIFICATIONS.

Section 109(a) of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5219(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking “To the extent” and inserting the following:

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—To the extent”;

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) **WAIVER OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN MODIFICATIONS.**—The Secretary shall not be required to apply executive compensation restrictions under section 111, or to receive warrants or debt instruments under section 113, solely in connection with any loan modification under this section.”.

And the Senate agreed to the same.

DAVID OBEY,
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Managers on the Part of the House.

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Managers on the Part of the Senate.

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1), a bill making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report.

The Senate amendment to the text deleted the entire House bill after the enacting clause and inserted the Senate bill. This conference agreement includes a revised bill.

The conference agreement designates amounts in the Act as emergency requirements pursuant to section 204(a) of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress) and section 301(b)(2) of S. Con. Res. 70 (110th Congress), the concurrent resolutions on the budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. All applicable provisions in the Act are designated as an emergency for purposes of pay-as-you-go principles.

DIVISION A—APPROPRIATIONS PROVISIONS

TITLE I—AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES AND RENTAL PAYMENTS

The conference agreement provides \$24,000,000 for the Agriculture Buildings and Facilities and Rental Payments account instead of \$44,000,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate bill contained no such account.

The conference agreement provides funding to address priority maintenance, repair, and modernization investments in USDA's headquarter buildings and facilities.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement provides \$22,500,000 for the Office of Inspector General as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conference agreement provides funding to enhance oversight and improve accountability of the use of economic recovery funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture in this Act, including \$7,500,000 for the U.S. Forest Service.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The conference agreement provides \$176,000,000 for the Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities account instead of \$209,000,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate bill contained no such account.

The conference agreement provides funding to address critical deferred maintenance of the agency's aging laboratory and research infrastructure.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$50,000,000 for the Farm Service Agency, Salaries and Expenses account instead of \$245,000,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate bill contained no such account.

The conference agreement provides funding to maintain and modernize the information technology system.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

WATERSHED AND FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATIONS

The conference agreement provides \$290,000,000 for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program instead of \$350,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$275,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Of the total amount, \$145,000,000 is for purchasing and restoring floodplain easements under the authorities of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Funding is provided for conducting a floodplain restoration enrollment process that encompasses multiple regions of the country and that will provide the greatest public and environmental benefits.

The conference agreement provides funding to invest in both structural and non-structural watershed infrastructure improvements. When considering project applications, the agency is directed to prioritize

funding for projects that most cost-effectively provide the greatest public safety, flood protection, economic, and environmental benefits.

With the funds provided, the agency is directed to complete existing infrastructure projects that have already initiated planning, design, or construction work, as well as prioritize funding for projects that are prepared to initiate work as soon as possible. The agency is further directed to fully fund the cost of completing discrete functional components of both structural and non-structural projects initiated with the dollars provided in this conference agreement.

WATERSHED REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The conference agreement provides \$50,000,000 for the Watershed Rehabilitation Program as proposed by the House instead of \$65,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides funding to rehabilitate aging flood control infrastructure. The agency is directed to prioritize funding for projects that are at greatest risk of failure and present threats to public safety. The agency is further directed to prioritize funding for projects that can obligate and expend funds both cost effectively and rapidly. Finally, the agency is directed to fully fund the cost of completing rehabilitation projects initiated with the dollars provided in this conference agreement.

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement provides \$200,000,000 in budget authority as proposed by the Senate instead of \$500,000,000 as proposed by the House. The amount of funding provided by the conference agreement will support \$11,472,000,000 in direct and guaranteed single family housing loans under the Rural Housing Insurance Fund, of which \$1,000,000,000 is for direct single family housing loans and \$10,472,000,000 is for guaranteed single family housing loans.

RURAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes \$130,000,000 in budget authority for loans and grants for rural community facilities instead of \$200,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$127,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement provides funding to support \$1,234,000,000 in loans and grants for essential rural community facilities including hospitals, health clinics, health and safety vehicles and equipment, public buildings, and child and elder care facilities. Of this amount, \$1,171,000,000 is for direct community facility loans and \$63,000,000 is for community facility grants.

RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes \$150,000,000 in budget authority for rural business loans and grants as proposed by the Senate instead of \$100,000,000 as proposed by the House. The amount of funding provided by the conference agreement will support \$3,010,000,000 in rural business loans and grants. Of this amount, \$2,990,000,000 is for guaranteed business and industry loans and \$20,000,000 is for rural business enterprise grants.

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

RURAL WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes \$1,380,000,000 in budget authority for loans and grants for water and waste disposal facilities instead of \$1,500,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,375,000,000 as proposed by