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## AN ACT

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend and expand the charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “America Gives More  
5   Act of 2015”.

1   **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF CHARITABLE DE-**  
2                   **DUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF FOOD IN-**  
3                   **VENTORY.**

4       (a) PERMANENT EXTENSION.—Section 170(e)(3)(C)  
5   of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-  
6   ing clause (iv).

7       (b) INCREASE IN LIMITATION.—Section 170(e)(3)(C)  
8   of such Code, as amended by subsection (a), is amended  
9   by striking clause (ii), by redesignating clause (iii) as  
10   clause (iv), and by inserting after clause (i) the following  
11   new clauses:

12                   “(ii) LIMITATION.—The aggregate  
13                   amount of such contributions for any tax-  
14                   able year which may be taken into account  
15                   under this section shall not exceed—

16                   “(I) in the case of any taxpayer  
17                   other than a C corporation, 15 per-  
18                   cent of the taxpayer’s aggregate net  
19                   income for such taxable year from all  
20                   trades or businesses from which such  
21                   contributions were made for such  
22                   year, computed without regard to this  
23                   section, and

24                   “(II) in the case of a C corpora-  
25                   tion, 15 percent of taxable income (as  
26                   defined in subsection (b)(2)(D)).

1                     “(iii) RULES RELATED TO LIMITA-  
2                     TION.—

3                     “(I) CARRYOVER.—If such aggre-  
4                     gate amount exceeds the limitation  
5                     imposed under clause (ii), such excess  
6                     shall be treated (in a manner con-  
7                     sistent with the rules of subsection  
8                     (d)) as a charitable contribution de-  
9                     scribed in clause (i) in each of the 5  
10                    succeeding taxable years in order of  
11                    time.

12                    “(II) COORDINATION WITH OVER-  
13                    ALL CORPORATE LIMITATION.—In the  
14                    case of any charitable contribution al-  
15                    lowable under clause (ii)(II), sub-  
16                    section (b)(2)(A) shall not apply to  
17                    such contribution, but the limitation  
18                    imposed by such subsection shall be  
19                    reduced (but not below zero) by the  
20                    aggregate amount of such contribu-  
21                    tions. For purposes of subsection  
22                    (b)(2)(B), such contributions shall be  
23                    treated as allowable under subsection  
24                    (b)(2)(A).”.

1       (c) DETERMINATION OF BASIS FOR CERTAIN TAX-  
2 PAYERS.—Section 170(e)(3)(C) of such Code, as amended  
3 by subsections (a) and (b), is amended by adding at the  
4 end the following new clause:

5                 “(v) DETERMINATION OF BASIS FOR  
6 CERTAIN TAXPAYERS.—If a taxpayer—  
7                     “(I) does not account for inven-  
8 tories under section 471, and  
9                     “(II) is not required to capitalize  
10                  indirect costs under section 263A,  
11                  the taxpayer may elect, solely for purposes  
12                  of subparagraph (B), to treat the basis of  
13                  any apparently wholesome food as being  
14                  equal to 25 percent of the fair market  
15                  value of such food.”.

16       (d) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET VALUE.—  
17 Section 170(e)(3)(C) of such Code, as amended by sub-  
18 sections (a), (b), and (c), is amended by adding at the  
19 end the following new clause:

20                 “(vi) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MAR-  
21 KET VALUE.—In the case of any such con-  
22 tribution of apparently wholesome food  
23 which cannot or will not be sold solely by  
24 reason of internal standards of the tax-  
25 payer, lack of market, or similar cir-

1                   cumstances, or by reason of being pro-  
2                   duced by the taxpayer exclusively for the  
3                   purposes of transferring the food to an or-  
4                   ganization described in subparagraph (A),  
5                   the fair market value of such contribution  
6                   shall be determined—

7                         “(I) without regard to such inter-  
8                         nal standards, such lack of market,  
9                         such circumstances, or such exclusive  
10                      purpose, and

11                         “(II) by taking into account the  
12                         price at which the same or substan-  
13                         tially the same food items (as to both  
14                         type and quality) are sold by the tax-  
15                         payer at the time of the contribution  
16                         (or, if not so sold at such time, in the  
17                         recent past).”.

18                         (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

19                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-  
20                         vided in this subsection, the amendments made by  
21                         this section shall apply to contributions made after  
22                         the date of the enactment of this Act, in taxable  
23                         years ending after such date.

24                         (2) LIMITATION; APPLICABILITY TO C CORPORA-  
25                         TIONS.—The amendments made by subsection (b)

1 shall apply to contributions made in taxable years  
2 ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 3. RULE ALLOWING CERTAIN TAX-FREE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES MADE PERMANENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(d)(8) of the Internal  
8 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subpara-  
9 graph (F).

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 this section shall apply to distributions made in taxable  
12 years beginning after December 31, 2014.

13 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RULE FOR QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTIONS MADE PERMANENT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—

16 (1) INDIVIDUALS.—Subparagraph (E) of sec-  
17 tion 170(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986  
18 (relating to contributions of qualified conservation  
19 contributions) is amended by striking clause (vi).

20 (2) CORPORATIONS.—Subparagraph (B) of sec-  
21 tion 170(b)(2) of such Code (relating to qualified  
22 conservation contributions) is amended by striking  
23 clause (iii).

1       (b) CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAPITAL GAIN REAL PRO-  
2       PERTY MADE FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES BY NATIVE  
3       CORPORATIONS.—

4               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 170(b)(2) of such  
5       Code is amended by redesignating subparagraph (C)  
6       as subparagraph (D), and by inserting after sub-  
7       paragraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

8               “(C) QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CON-  
9       TRIBUTIONS BY CERTAIN NATIVE CORPORA-  
10       TIONS.—

11               “(i) IN GENERAL.—Any qualified con-  
12       servation contribution (as defined in sub-  
13       section (h)(1)) which—

14               “(I) is made by a Native Cor-  
15       poration, and

16               “(II) is a contribution of prop-  
17       erty which was land conveyed under  
18       the Alaska Native Claims Settlement  
19       Act,

20       shall be allowed to the extent that the ag-  
21       gregate amount of such contributions does  
22       not exceed the excess of the taxpayer’s tax-  
23       able income over the amount of charitable  
24       contributions allowable under subpara-  
25       graph (A).

1                         “(ii) CARRYOVER.—If the aggregate  
2                         amount of contributions described in clause  
3                         (i) exceeds the limitation of clause (i), such  
4                         excess shall be treated (in a manner con-  
5                         sistent with the rules of subsection (d)(2))  
6                         as a charitable contribution to which clause  
7                         (i) applies in each of the 15 succeeding  
8                         taxable years in order of time.

9                         “(iii) NATIVE CORPORATION.—For  
10                         purposes of this subparagraph, the term  
11                         ‘Native Corporation’ has the meaning  
12                         given such term by section 3(m) of the  
13                         Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.”.

14                         (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15                         (A) Section 170(b)(2)(A) of such Code is  
16                         amended by striking “subparagraph (B) ap-  
17                         plies” and inserting “subparagraph (B) or (C)  
18                         applies”.

19                         (B) Section 170(b)(2)(B)(ii) of such Code  
20                         is amended by striking “15 succeeding years”  
21                         and inserting “15 succeeding taxable years”.

22                         (3) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS PRESERVED.—

23                         Nothing in this subsection (or any amendment made  
24                         by this subsection) shall be construed to modify the  
25                         existing property rights validly conveyed to Native

1       Corporations (within the meaning of section 3(m) of  
2       the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act) under  
3       such Act.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply to contributions made in taxable  
6 years beginning after December 31, 2014.

**7 SEC. 5. MODIFICATION OF THE TAX RATE FOR THE EXCISE  
8 TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME OF PRIVATE  
9 FOUNDATIONS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4940(a) of the Internal  
11 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “2 percent”  
12 and inserting “1 percent”.

13           (b) ELIMINATION OF REDUCED TAX WHERE FOUN-  
14 DATION MEETS CERTAIN DISTRIBUTION REQUIRE-  
15 MENTS.—Section 4940 of such Code is amended by strik-  
16 ing subsection (e).

17       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

**1 SEC. 6. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

2       The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered  
3 on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to sec-  
4 tion 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

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2015.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*



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