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1ST SESSION

S. 618

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and extend the deduction for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2021

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mr. LEE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. COLLINS, and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Universal Giving Pan-
5 demic Response and Recovery Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF DEDUCTION**
2 **FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS NOT ITEMIZING DEDUCTIONS.**
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4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (p) of section 170 of
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 “(p) SPECIAL RULE FOR TAXPAYERS WHO DO NOT
8 ELECT TO ITEMIZE DEDUCTIONS.—In the case of a tax-
9 able year beginning in 2021 or 2022, the deduction under
10 this subsection for the taxable year shall be equal to so
11 much of the deduction determined under this section
12 (without regard to this subsection) for such taxable year
13 as does not exceed an amount equal to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the amount
14 of the standard deduction with respect to such individual
15 for such taxable year. This subsection shall apply only in
16 the case of an individual who does not elect to itemize de-
17 ductions for the taxable year.”.

18 (b) ELIMINATION OF PENALTY.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6662(b) of the In-
20 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
21 paragraph (9).

22 (2) INCREASED PENALTY.—Section 6662 of
23 such Code is amended by striking subsection (l).

24 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
25 6751(b)(2)(A) of such Code is amended by striking
26 “6655, or 6662 (but only with respect to an addition

1 to tax by reason of subsection (b)(9) thereof” and
2 inserting “or 6655”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
5 December 31, 2020.

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