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To improve the retirement security of American families by increasing Social Security benefits for current and future beneficiaries while making Social Security stronger for future generations.

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Mr. SCHATZ (for himself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Safeguarding American Families and Expanding Social
6 Security Act of 2021”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Determination of taxable wages and self-employment income above contribution and benefit base after 2021.
- Sec. 3. Adjustments to primary insurance amount formula and inclusion of surplus earnings for benefit determinations.
- Sec. 4. Increase in benefit amounts for long-term eligible individuals.
- Sec. 5. Computation of cost-of-living increases for Social Security benefits; consumer price index for elderly consumers.
- Sec. 6. Deemed wages for caregivers of dependent relatives.
- Sec. 7. Increase in minimum benefit for lifetime low earners based on years in the workforce.
- Sec. 8. Elimination of disability waiting period for disability insurance benefits and surviving spouse benefits.
- Sec. 9. Tax on investment gain.
- Sec. 10. Holding SSI, Medicaid, and CHIP beneficiaries harmless.

1 SEC. 2. DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE WAGES AND SELF-
2 EMPLOYMENT INCOME ABOVE CONTRIBU-
3 TION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2021.

4 (a) DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE WAGES ABOVE
5 CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT BASE AFTER 2021.—

6 (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE
7 CODE OF 1986.—Section 3121 of the Internal Rev-
8 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting “the
10 applicable percentage (determined under sub-
11 section (c)(1)) of” before “that part of the re-
12 muneratation”; and

13 (B) in subsection (c), by striking “(c) IN-
14 CLUDED AND EXCLUDED SERVICE.—For pur-
15 poses of this chapter, if” and inserting the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(c) SPECIAL RULES FOR WAGES AND EMPLOY-
18 MENT.—

1 “(1) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF REMUNERA-
 2 TION IN DETERMINING TAXABLE WAGES.—For pur-
 3 poses of subsection (a)(1), the applicable percentage
 4 for a calendar year shall be equal to—

5 “(A) for 2022, 80 percent;

6 “(B) for 2023 through 2025, the applica-
 7 ble percentage under this paragraph for the
 8 previous year, decreased by 20 percentage
 9 points; and

10 “(C) for 2026 and each year thereafter, 0
 11 percent.

12 “(2) INCLUDED AND EXCLUDED SERVICE.—For
 13 purposes of this chapter, if”.

14 (2) AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY
 15 ACT.—Section 209 of the Social Security Act (42
 16 U.S.C. 409) is amended—

17 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (I)—

19 (I) by inserting “and before
 20 2022” after “1974”; and

21 (II) by inserting “and” after the
 22 semicolon;

23 (ii) by adding at the end the following
 24 new subparagraph:

1 “(J) The applicable percentage (deter-
 2 mined under subsection (I)) of that part of re-
 3 muneration which, after remuneration (other
 4 than remuneration referred to in the succeeding
 5 subsections of this section) equal to the con-
 6 tribution and benefit base (determined under
 7 section 230) with respect to employment has
 8 been paid to an individual during any calendar
 9 year after 2021 with respect to which such con-
 10 tribution and benefit base is effective, is paid to
 11 such individual during such calendar year;”;
 12 and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
 14 subsection:

15 “(I) For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(J), the applica-
 16 ble percentage for a calendar year shall be equal to—

17 “(1) for 2022, 80 percent;

18 “(2) for 2023 through 2025, the applicable per-
 19 centage under this subsection for the previous year,
 20 decreased by 20 percentage points; and

21 “(3) for 2026 and each year thereafter, 0 per-
 22 cent.”.

23 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 24 by this subsection shall apply with respect to remu-
 25 neration paid in calendar years after 2021.

1 (b) DETERMINATION OF TAXABLE SELF-EMPLOY-
 2 MENT INCOME ABOVE CONTRIBUTION AND BENEFIT
 3 BASE AFTER 2021.—

4 (1) AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE
 5 CODE OF 1986.—Section 1402 of the Internal Rev-
 6 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

7 (A) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “that
 8 part of the net earnings” and all that follows
 9 through “minus” and inserting the following:
 10 “an amount equal to the applicable percentage
 11 (as determined under subsection (d)(2)) of that
 12 part of the net earnings from self-employment
 13 which is in excess of the difference (not to be
 14 less than zero) between (i) an amount equal to
 15 the contribution and benefit base (as deter-
 16 mined under section 230 of the Social Security
 17 Act) which is effective for the calendar year in
 18 which such taxable year begins, and”; and

19 (B) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) by striking “(d) EMPLOYEE AND
 21 WAGES.—The term” and inserting the fol-
 22 lowing:

23 “(d) RULES AND DEFINITIONS.—

24 “(1) EMPLOYEE AND WAGES.—The term”; and

1 (ii) by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing:

3 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE OF NET EARN-
 4 INGS FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT IN DETERMINING
 5 TAXABLE SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For pur-
 6 poses of subsection (b)(1), the applicable percentage
 7 for a taxable year beginning in any calendar year re-
 8 ferred to in such subsection shall be equal to—

9 “(A) for 2022, 80 percent;

10 “(B) for 2023 through 2025, the applica-
 11 ble percentage under this paragraph for the
 12 previous year, decreased by 20 percentage
 13 points; and

14 “(C) for 2026 and each year thereafter, 0
 15 percent.”.

16 (2) AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY
 17 ACT.—Section 211 of the Social Security Act (42
 18 U.S.C. 411) is amended—

19 (A) in subsection (b)—

20 (i) in paragraph (1)(I)—

21 (I) by striking “or” after the
 22 semicolon; and

23 (II) by inserting “and before
 24 2022” after “1974”;

1 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
 2 paragraph (3); and

3 (iii) by inserting after paragraph (1)
 4 the following:

5 “(2) For any taxable year beginning in any cal-
 6 endar year after 2021, an amount equal to the appli-
 7 cable percentage (as determined under subsection
 8 (l)) of that part of net earnings from self-employ-
 9 ment which is in excess of the difference (not to be
 10 less than zero) between—

11 “(A) an amount equal to the contribution
 12 and benefit base (as determined under section
 13 230) that is effective for such calendar year,
 14 and

15 “(B) the amount of the wages paid to such
 16 individual during such taxable year; or”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(l) For purposes of subsection (b)(2), the applicable
 19 percentage for a taxable year beginning in any calendar
 20 year referred to in such paragraph shall be equal to—

21 “(1) for 2022, 80 percent;

22 “(2) for 2023 through 2025, the applicable per-
 23 centage under this subsection for the previous year,
 24 decreased by 20 percentage points; and

1 “(3) for 2026 and each year thereafter, 0 per-
2 cent.”.

3 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
4 by this subsection shall apply with respect to taxable
5 years beginning after calendar year 2021.

6 **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENTS TO PRIMARY INSURANCE AMOUNT**
7 **FORMULA AND INCLUSION OF SURPLUS**
8 **EARNINGS FOR BENEFIT DETERMINATIONS.**

9 (a) INCREASE IN PERCENTAGE FACTOR FOR LOWEST
10 PORTION OF EARNINGS USED TO DETERMINE PRIMARY
11 INSURANCE AMOUNTS.—Section 215(a)(1)(A)(i) of the
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(1)(A)(i)) is amend-
13 ed by striking “90 percent” and inserting “95 percent”.

14 (b) INCLUSION OF SURPLUS AVERAGE INDEXED
15 MONTHLY EARNINGS IN DETERMINATION OF PRIMARY
16 INSURANCE AMOUNTS.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(a)(1)(A) of the
18 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(1)(A)) is
19 amended—

20 (A) in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), by insert-
21 ing “basic” before “average indexed monthly
22 earnings” each place it appears;

23 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
24 end;

1 (C) in clause (iii), by adding “and” at the
 2 end; and

3 (D) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
 4 lowing new clause:

5 “(iv) 5 percent of the individual’s surplus aver-
 6 age indexed monthly earnings,”.

7 (2) BEND POINT ADJUSTMENTS.—Section
 8 215(a)(1)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(1)(B))
 9 is amended—

10 (A) in clause (i), by inserting “For individ-
 11 uals who initially become eligible for old-age or
 12 disability insurance benefits, or who die (before
 13 becoming eligible for such benefits), in the cal-
 14 endar year 2022, the amount established for
 15 purposes of clause (ii) of subparagraph (A)
 16 shall be \$6,300.” after the period;

17 (B) in clause (ii)—

18 (i) by redesignating subclauses (I) and
 19 (II) as items (aa) and (bb), respectively;

20 (ii) by striking “For individuals” and
 21 inserting “(I) Subject to subclause (II), for
 22 individuals”; and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 24 lowing new subclause:

1 “(II) For individuals who initially become eligi-
 2 ble for old-age or disability insurance benefits, or
 3 who die (before becoming eligible for such benefits),
 4 in any calendar year after 2022, the amount estab-
 5 lished for purposes of clause (ii) of subparagraph
 6 (A) shall equal the product of the amount estab-
 7 lished with respect to calendar year 2022 under
 8 clause (i) of this subparagraph and the quotient ob-
 9 tained by dividing—

10 “(aa) the national average wage index (as
 11 defined in section 209(k)(1)) for the second cal-
 12 endar year preceding the calendar year for
 13 which the determination is made, by

14 “(bb) the national average wage index (as
 15 so defined) for 2020.”;

16 (C) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause
 17 (iv); and

18 (D) by inserting after clause (ii) the fol-
 19 lowing new clause:

20 “(iii) For individuals who initially become eligi-
 21 ble for old-age or disability insurance benefits, or
 22 who die (before becoming eligible for such benefits)
 23 in any calendar year after 2026, the amount deter-
 24 mined under clause (ii) of this subparagraph for

1 purposes of subparagraph (A)(i) for such calendar
 2 year shall be increased by—

3 “(I) for calendar year 2027, 1 percent;

4 “(II) for each of calendar years 2028
 5 through 2040, the percent determined under
 6 this clause for the preceding year increased by
 7 1 percentage point; and

8 “(III) for calendar year 2041 and each
 9 year thereafter, 15 percent.”.

10 (3) RECOMPUTATION OF BENEFITS FOR EXIST-
 11 ING BENEFICIARIES.—Section 215(f) of the Social
 12 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(f)) is amended by add-
 13 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

14 “(10) RECOMPUTATION OF PRIMARY INSUR-
 15 ANCE AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO BECAME ELI-
 16 GIBLE FOR BENEFITS BEFORE 2022.—

17 “(A) The Commissioner of Social Security
 18 shall recompute the primary insurance amounts
 19 applicable to beneficiaries whose benefits are
 20 based on a primary insurance amount that was
 21 computed under this section effective prior to
 22 January 2022. Such recomputation shall be ef-
 23 fective January 2022.

24 “(B) In recomputing the primary insur-
 25 ance amount applicable to a beneficiary under

1 this paragraph, the Commissioner of Social Se-
 2 curity shall calculate the primary insurance
 3 amount of the individual under subsection
 4 (a)(1) as in effect on the date that such pri-
 5 mary insurance amount was initially computed,
 6 except that the Commissioner shall substitute
 7 for the amount that applied under subpara-
 8 graph (B)(ii) of such subsection on such date
 9 an amount equal to the product of—

10 “(i) the amount that applied under
 11 such subparagraph on such date; and

12 “(ii) the ratio of—

13 “(I) 6,300; to

14 “(II) 6,002.

15 “(C) Each amount determined under sub-
 16 paragraph (B) shall be rounded to the nearest
 17 \$1, except that any amount so established
 18 which is a multiple of \$0.50 but not of \$1 shall
 19 be rounded to the next higher \$1.

20 “(D) If a primary insurance amount appli-
 21 cable to a beneficiary, as recomputed under this
 22 paragraph, is lower than the primary insurance
 23 amount applicable to such beneficiary as it was
 24 originally computed, such higher primary insur-

1 ance amount shall continue to apply to such
2 beneficiary.”.

3 (c) BASIC AIME AND SURPLUS AIME.—

4 (1) BASIC AIME.—Section 215(b)(1) of such
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 415(b)(1)) is amended—

6 (A) by inserting “basic” before “average”;
7 and

8 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
9 “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph
10 (3)(A)” and by inserting before the comma the
11 following: “to the extent such total does not ex-
12 ceed the contribution and benefit base for the
13 applicable year”.

14 (2) SURPLUS AIME.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(b)(1) of
16 such Act (as amended by paragraph (1)) is
17 amended—

18 (i) by redesignating subparagraphs
19 (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
20 tively;

21 (ii) by striking “An individual’s” and
22 inserting “(A) An individual’s”; and

23 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
24 lowing new subparagraph:

1 “(B)(i) An individual’s surplus average indexed
 2 monthly earnings shall be equal to the quotient obtained
 3 by dividing—

4 “(I) the total (after adjustment under para-
 5 graph (3)(B)) of such individual’s surplus earnings
 6 (determined under clause (ii)) for such individual’s
 7 benefit computation years (determined under para-
 8 graph (2)), by

9 “(II) the number of months in those years.

10 “(ii) For purposes of clause (i) and paragraph (3)(B),
 11 an individual’s surplus earnings for a benefit computation
 12 year are the total of such individual’s wages paid in and
 13 self-employment income credited to such benefit computa-
 14 tion year, to the extent such total (before adjustment
 15 under paragraph (3)(B)) exceeds the contribution and
 16 benefit base for such year.”.

17 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The
 18 heading for section 215(b) of such Act is
 19 amended by striking “Average Indexed Monthly
 20 Earnings” and inserting “Basic Average In-
 21 dexed Monthly Earnings; Surplus Average In-
 22 dexed Monthly Earnings”.

23 (3) ADJUSTMENT OF SURPLUS EARNINGS FOR
 24 PURPOSES OF DETERMINING SURPLUS AIME.—Sec-

1 tion 215(b)(3) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(b)(3)) is
2 amended—

3 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

4 (i) by striking “subparagraph (B)”
5 and inserting “subparagraph (C)” and;

6 (ii) by inserting “and determination of
7 basic average indexed monthly income
8 under paragraph (1)(A)” after “paragraph
9 (2)”;

10 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
11 subparagraph (C); and

12 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
13 the following new subparagraph:

14 “(B) For purposes of determining under paragraph
15 (1)(B) an individual’s surplus average indexed monthly
16 earnings, the individual’s surplus earnings for a benefit
17 computation year shall be deemed to be equal to the prod-
18 uct of—

19 “(i) the individual’s surplus earnings for such
20 year (as determined without regard to this subpara-
21 graph), and

22 “(ii) the quotient described in subparagraph
23 (A)(ii).”.

24 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply with respect to individuals who ini-

1 tially become eligible (within the meaning of section
 2 215(a)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act) for old-age or dis-
 3 ability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Secu-
 4 rity Act, or who die (before becoming eligible for such ben-
 5 efits), in any calendar year after 2026.

6 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN BENEFIT AMOUNTS FOR LONG-TERM**
 7 **ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 202 of the Social Security
 9 Act (42 U.S.C. 402) is amended by adding at the end the
 10 following new subsection:

11 “(aa) INCREASE IN BENEFIT AMOUNTS FOR LONG-
 12 TERM ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount of a monthly
 14 benefit which is payable to an individual for a month
 15 under subsections (a) through (h) or section 223(a)
 16 (as determined without regard to this subsection)
 17 shall be increased by 5 percent if the individual is
 18 a long-term eligible individual during any part of
 19 such month.

20 “(2) LONG-TERM ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DE-
 21 FINED.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘long-term
 23 eligible individual’ means an individual who—

1 “(i) is entitled to a monthly benefit
2 under subsections (a) through (h) or sec-
3 tion 223(a); and

4 “(ii) has attained 82 years of age or
5 240 benefit months (as defined in subpara-
6 graph (B)), whichever is earlier.

7 “(B) BENEFIT MONTH.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of
9 subparagraph (A), the term ‘benefit
10 month’ means a month for which an indi-
11 vidual—

12 “(I) has attained age 19; and

13 “(II) is entitled to a monthly
14 benefit under subsections (a) through
15 (h) of section 202 or section 223(a).

16 “(ii) EXCLUSIONS.—Such term ex-
17 cludes any month in which an individual
18 is—

19 “(I) entitled to a benefit under
20 this section or section 223(a) that is
21 not payable or reduced to zero by ap-
22 plication of subsection (k), (n), (t),
23 (u), (v), or (x) of this section; or

24 “(II) subject to a penalty under
25 section 1129A.

1 “(3) DISREGARD OF INCREASE FOR PURPOSES
2 OF FAMILY MAXIMUM.—The amount of any increase
3 under this subsection to a monthly benefit amount
4 of a long-term eligible individual shall be disregarded
5 for purposes of applying section 203(a).”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) Section 202 of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 402) is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “sub-
10 section (q) and subsection (w)” and inserting
11 “subsections (q), (w), and (aa)”;

12 (B) in subsections (b)(2) and (c)(2), by
13 striking “subsections (k)(5) and (q)” and in-
14 serting “subsections (k)(5), (q), and (aa)”;

15 (C) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “Such
16 child’s” each place it appears and inserting
17 “Subject to subsection (aa), such child’s”;

18 (D) in subsections (e)(2)(A) and (f)(2)(A),
19 by inserting “subsection (aa),” after “sub-
20 section (q),”;

21 (E) in subsection (g)(2), by striking “Such
22 mother’s or father’s” and inserting “Subject to
23 subsection (aa), such mother’s or father’s”; and

1 (F) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by inserting
 2 “subsection (aa) and” before “subparagraphs
 3 (B) and (C)”.

4 (2) Section 223(a)(2) of the Social Security Act
 5 (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(2)) is amended—

6 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph
 7 (A), by striking “section 202(q)” and inserting
 8 “subsections (q) and (aa) of section 202”; and
 9 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
 10 “clause (ii)” and inserting “subdivision (ii) or
 11 (iii) of the matter following subparagraph (E)”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 13 this section shall apply to benefits payable for months in
 14 any calendar year after 2026.

15 **SEC. 5. COMPUTATION OF COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES FOR**
 16 **SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS; CONSUMER**
 17 **PRICE INDEX FOR ELDERLY CONSUMERS.**

18 (a) COMPUTATION OF COST-OF-LIVING IN-
 19 CREASES.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(i) of the Social
 21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)) is amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)(G), by inserting be-
 23 fore the period the following: “, and, with re-
 24 spect to any monthly insurance benefit payable
 25 under this title, effective for adjustments under

1 this subsection to the primary insurance
 2 amount on which such benefit is based (or to
 3 any such benefit under section 227 or 228), the
 4 applicable Consumer Price Index shall be the
 5 Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers
 6 and such primary insurance amount shall be
 7 adjusted under this subsection using such
 8 Index”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (4)—

10 (i) by striking “and by section 9001”
 11 and inserting “, by section 9001”; and

12 (ii) by striking “1986,” and inserting
 13 “1986, and by section 5(a) of the Safe-
 14 guarding American Families and Expand-
 15 ing Social Security Act of 2021,”.

16 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS IN APPLICABLE
 17 FORMER LAW.—Section 215(i)(1)(C) of the Social
 18 Security Act, as in effect in December 1978 and ap-
 19 plied in certain cases under the provisions of such
 20 Act in effect after December 1978, is amended by
 21 inserting before the period the following: “, and,
 22 with respect to any monthly insurance benefit pay-
 23 able under this title, effective for adjustments under
 24 this subsection to the primary insurance amount on
 25 which such benefit is based (or to any such benefit

1 under section 227 or 228), the applicable Consumer
 2 Price Index shall be the Consumer Price Index for
 3 Elderly Consumers and such primary insurance
 4 amount shall be adjusted under this subsection
 5 using such Index”.

6 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 7 by this subsection shall apply to determinations
 8 made by the Commissioner of Social Security under
 9 section 215(i)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
 10 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)) with respect to cost-of-living com-
 11 putation quarters ending on or after September 30,
 12 2022.

13 (b) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ELDERLY CON-
 14 SUMERS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau of Labor Statis-
 16 tics of the Department of Labor shall prepare and
 17 publish an index for each calendar month to be
 18 known as the “Consumer Price Index for Elderly
 19 Consumers” that indicates changes over time in ex-
 20 penditures for consumption which are typical for in-
 21 dividuals in the United States who have attained
 22 early retirement age (as defined under section
 23 216(l)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 24 416(l)(2)) for purposes of an old-age, wife’s, or hus-
 25 band’s insurance benefit).

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (1) shall
 2 apply with respect to calendar months ending on or
 3 after June 30 of the calendar year in which this Act
 4 is enacted.

5 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
 6 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
 7 as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this
 8 subsection.

9 **SEC. 6. DEEMED WAGES FOR CAREGIVERS OF DEPENDENT**
 10 **RELATIVES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Social Security Act
 12 is amended by adding after section 234 (42 U.S.C. 434)
 13 the following new section:

14 “DEEMED WAGES FOR CAREGIVERS OF DEPENDENT
 15 RELATIVES

16 “SEC. 235. (a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this
 17 section—

18 “(1)(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the term
 19 ‘qualifying month’ means, in connection with an in-
 20 dividual, any month—

21 “(i) beginning after the date of enactment
 22 of the Safeguarding American Families and Ex-
 23 panding Social Security Act of 2021; and

24 “(ii) during which such individual was en-
 25 gaged for not less than 80 hours in providing

1 care to a dependent relative without monetary
2 compensation.

3 “(B) The term ‘qualifying month’ does not in-
4 clude any month ending after the date on which
5 such individual attains retirement age (as defined in
6 section 216(l)).

7 “(C) For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii), as-
8 sistance provided to a family caregiver of an eligible
9 veteran under section 1720G of title 38, United
10 States Code, shall not be considered monetary com-
11 pensation for providing care to such eligible veteran.

12 “(2) The term ‘dependent relative’ means, in
13 connection with an individual—

14 “(A) a child, grandchild, sibling, niece, or
15 nephew (of such individual or such individual’s
16 spouse or domestic partner), or a child to which
17 the individual or the individual’s spouse or do-
18 mestic partner is standing in loco parentis, who
19 is under the age of 16; or

20 “(B) a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew
21 (of such individual or such individual’s spouse
22 or domestic partner), a child to which the indi-
23 vidual or the individual’s spouse or domestic
24 partner is standing in loco parentis, a parent,
25 grandparent, sibling, aunt, or uncle (of such in-

dividual or his or her spouse or domestic partner), or such individual's spouse or domestic partner, if such child, grandchild, niece, nephew, parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, spouse, or domestic partner is a chronically dependent individual.

“(3)(A) The term ‘chronically dependent individual’ means an individual who—

“(i) is dependent on a daily basis on verbal reminding, physical cueing, supervision, or other assistance provided to the individual by another person in the performance of at least two of the activities of daily living (described in subparagraph (B)) or instrumental activities of daily living (described in subparagraph (C)); and

“(ii) without the assistance described in clause (i), could not perform such activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living.

“(B) The ‘activities of daily living’ referred to in subparagraph (A) means basic personal everyday activities, including—

“(i) eating;

“(ii) bathing;

1 “(iii) dressing;

2 “(iv) toileting; and

3 “(v) transferring in and out of a bed or in
4 and out of a chair.

5 “(C) The ‘instrumental activities of daily living’
6 referred to in subparagraph (A) means activities re-
7 lated to living independently in the community, in-
8 cluding—

9 “(i) meal planning and preparation;

10 “(ii) managing finances;

11 “(iii) shopping for food, clothing, or other
12 essential items;

13 “(iv) performing essential household
14 chores;

15 “(v) communicating by phone or other
16 form of media; and

17 “(vi) traveling around and participating in
18 the community.

19 “(b) DEEMED WAGES OF CAREGIVER.—(1)(A) For
20 purposes of determining entitlement to and the amount
21 of any monthly benefit for any month after December
22 2019, or entitlement to and the amount of any lump-sum
23 death payment in the case of a death after such month,
24 payable under this title on the basis of the wages and self-
25 employment income of any individual, and for purposes

1 of section 216(i)(3), such individual shall be deemed to
 2 have been paid during each qualifying month (in addition
 3 to wages or self-employment income actually paid to or
 4 derived by such individual during such month) at an
 5 amount per month equal to—

6 “(i) in the case of a qualifying month during
 7 which no wages or self-employment income were ac-
 8 tually paid to or derived by such individual—

9 “(I) 50 percent of the national average
 10 wage index (as defined in section 209(k)(1)) for
 11 the second calendar year preceding the calendar
 12 year in which such month occurs; or

13 “(II) if the dependent relative to which the
 14 individual provided care during such month
 15 was, at any time during such month, a child
 16 under the age of 6 or a chronically dependent
 17 individual, 100 percent of the national average
 18 wage index (as defined in section 209(k)(1)) for
 19 the second calendar year preceding the calendar
 20 year in which such month occurs;

21 “(ii) in the case of a qualifying month in which
 22 an individual engages in employment or any trade or
 23 business carried on by the individual or by a part-
 24 nership of which the individual is a member for not
 25 more than 80 hours, 50 percent of the national aver-

1 age wage index (as defined in section 209(k)(1)) for
2 the second calendar year preceding the calendar year
3 in which such month occurs; and

4 “(iii) in the case of any other qualifying month,
5 the excess of the amount determined under clause (i)
6 over $\frac{1}{2}$ of the wages or self-employment income ac-
7 tually paid to or derived by such individual during
8 such month.

9 “(B) In any case in which there are more than 120
10 qualifying months for an individual, only the last 60 of
11 such months shall be taken into account for purposes of
12 this section.

13 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not be applicable in the case
14 of any monthly benefit or lump-sum death payment if a
15 larger such benefit or payment, as the case may be, would
16 be payable without its application.

17 “(c) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—

18 “(1) Not later than one year after the date of
19 the enactment of this section, the Commissioner of
20 Social Security shall promulgate such regulations as
21 are necessary to carry out this section and to pre-
22 vent fraud and abuse with respect to the benefits
23 under this section, including regulations establishing
24 procedures for the application and certification re-
25 quirements described in paragraph (2).

1 “(2) A qualifying month shall not be taken into
2 account under this section with respect to an indi-
3 vidual unless—

4 “(A) the individual submits to the Com-
5 missioner of Social Security an application for
6 benefits under this section that includes—

7 “(i) the name and identifying infor-
8 mation of the dependent relative with re-
9 spect to whom the individual was engaged
10 in providing care during such month;

11 “(ii) if the dependent relative is not a
12 child under the age of 16, documentation
13 from the physician of the dependent rel-
14 ative explaining why the dependent relative
15 is a chronically dependent individual; and

16 “(iii) such other information as the
17 Commissioner may require to verify the
18 status of the dependent relative; and

19 “(B) for every qualifying month or period
20 of up to 12 consecutive qualifying months that
21 occurs after the first period of 12 consecutive
22 qualifying months, the individual certifies, in
23 such form and manner as the Commissioner
24 shall require, that the information provided in

1 the individual’s application for benefits under
2 this section has not changed.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 209(k)(1)
4 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 409(k)(1)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” before “230(b)(2)” the
6 first time it appears; and

7 (2) by inserting “and 235(b)(1)(A)(i),” after
8 “1977),”.

9 **SEC. 7. INCREASE IN MINIMUM BENEFIT FOR LIFETIME**
10 **LOW EARNERS BASED ON YEARS IN THE**
11 **WORKFORCE.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 215(a)(1) of the Social
13 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(a)(1)) is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
15 paragraph (E); and

16 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(D)(i) Effective with respect to the benefits of indi-
19 viduals who become eligible for old-age insurance benefits
20 or disability insurance benefits (or die before becoming so
21 eligible) after 2021, no primary insurance amount com-
22 puted under subparagraph (A) may be less than the great-
23 er of—

24 “(I) the minimum monthly amount computed
25 under subparagraph (C); or

1 “(II) in the case of an individual who has more
 2 than 10 years of work (as defined in clause (iv)(I)),
 3 the alternative minimum amount determined under
 4 clause (ii).

5 “(ii)(I) The alternative minimum amount determined
 6 under this clause is the applicable percentage of $\frac{1}{12}$ of
 7 the annual dollar amount determined under clause (iii) for
 8 the year in which the amount is determined.

9 “(II) For purposes of subclause (I), the applicable
 10 percentage is the percentage specified in connection with
 11 the number of years of work, as set forth in the following
 12 table:

“If the number of years of work is:	The applicable percentage is:
11	6.25 percent
12	12.50 percent
13	18.75 percent
14	25.00 percent
15	31.25 percent
16	37.50 percent
17	43.75 percent
18	50.00 percent
19	56.25 percent
20	62.50 percent
21	68.75 percent
22	75.00 percent
23	81.25 percent
24	87.50 percent
25	93.75 percent
26	100.00 percent
27	106.25 percent
28	112.50 percent
29	118.75 percent
30 or more	125.00 percent.

13 “(iii) The annual dollar amount determined under
 14 this clause is—

1 “(I) for calendar year 2022, the poverty guide-
 2 line for 2021; and

3 “(II) for any calendar year after 2022, the an-
 4 nual dollar amount for 2022 multiplied by the ratio
 5 of—

6 “(aa) the national average wage index (as
 7 defined in section 209(k)(1)) for the second cal-
 8 endar year preceding the calendar year for
 9 which the determination is made, to

10 “(bb) the national average wage index (as
 11 so defined) for 2020.

12 “(iv) For purposes of this subparagraph—

13 “(I) the term ‘year of work’ means, with re-
 14 spect to an individual, a year to which 4 quarters of
 15 coverage have been credited based on such individ-
 16 ual’s wages and self-employment income; and

17 “(II) the term ‘poverty guideline for 2021’
 18 means the annual poverty guideline for 2019 (as up-
 19 dated annually in the Federal Register by the De-
 20 partment of Health and Human Services under the
 21 authority of section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget
 22 Reconciliation Act of 1981) as applicable to a single
 23 individual.”.

24 (b) RECOMPUTATION.—Notwithstanding section
 25 215(f)(1) of the Social Security Act, the Commissioner of

1 Social Security shall recompute primary insurance
 2 amounts originally computed for months prior to Novem-
 3 ber 2021 to the extent necessary to carry out the amend-
 4 ments made by this section.

5 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 209(k)(1)
 6 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 409(k)(1)) is amended by inserting
 7 “215(a)(1)(E),” after “215(a)(1)(D),”.

8 **SEC. 8. ELIMINATION OF DISABILITY WAITING PERIOD FOR**
 9 **DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS AND SUR-**
 10 **VIVING SPOUSE BENEFITS.**

11 (a) ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR DIS-
 12 ABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS.—Section 223 of the So-
 13 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423), as amended by section
 14 4(b)(2), is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-
 17 lowing subparagraph (E)—

18 (i) by striking “disability insurance
 19 benefit (i) for each month” and all that
 20 follows through “, or (iii)” and inserting
 21 “disability insurance benefit”; and

22 (ii) by striking “, but only if” and all
 23 that follows through “under such dis-
 24 ability”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “as
 2 though he had attained age 62 in—” and all
 3 that follows through “such disability insurance
 4 benefits,” and inserting “as though the indi-
 5 vidual had attained age 62 in the first month
 6 for which the individual becomes entitled to
 7 such disability insurance benefits,”; and
 8 (2) in subsection (c)—

9 (A) in the subsection header, by striking
 10 “Definitions of Insured Status and Waiting Pe-
 11 riod” and inserting “Definition of Insured Sta-
 12 tus”; and

13 (B) by striking paragraph (2).

14 (b) ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR SUR-
 15 VIVING SPOUSE AND SURVIVING DIVORCED SPOUSE BEN-
 16 EFITS.—Section 202 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 17 402) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (e)—

19 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-
 20 lowing subparagraph (D), by striking “begin-
 21 ning with—” and all that follows through “on
 22 such basis terminated,” and inserting “begin-
 23 ning with the first month in which she becomes
 24 so entitled to such insurance benefits”;

25 (B) by striking paragraph (5); and

1 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
 2 through (8) as paragraphs (5) through (7); and
 3 (2) in subsection (f)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-
 5 lowing subparagraph (D), by striking “begin-
 6 ning with—” and all that follows through “on
 7 such basis terminated,” and inserting “begin-
 8 ning with the first month in which he becomes
 9 so entitled to such insurance benefits”;

10 (B) by striking paragraph (5); and

11 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
 12 through (8) as paragraphs (5) through (7).

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 14 this section shall apply with respect to applications for
 15 benefits filed on or after the date of the enactment of this
 16 Act.

17 **SEC. 9. TAX ON INVESTMENT GAIN.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 1411 of
 19 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
 20 “3.8 percent” each place it appears and inserting “6.8
 21 percent”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading for
 23 chapter 2A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
 24 amended by inserting “**AND SOCIAL SECURITY**”
 25 after “**MEDICARE**”.

1 (c) TRUST FUNDS.—

2 (1) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 201 of
3 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) by striking “clause” each place it
7 appears and inserting “paragraph”; and

8 (ii) in the flush text at the end, by
9 striking “clauses” each place it appears
10 and inserting “paragraphs”; and

11 (B) in subsection (g)(2), by striking
12 “clause” each place it appears and inserting
13 “paragraph”.

14 (2) FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSUR-
15 ANCE TRUST FUND.—Subsection (a) of section 201
16 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401), as
17 amended by paragraph (1), is amended—

18 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
19 riod at the end and inserting “; and”;

20 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(5) 44.1 percent of the taxes imposed under section
23 1411 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”; and

24 (C) in the flush matter at the end, by
25 striking “paragraphs (3) and (4)” each place it

1 appears and inserting “paragraphs (3), (4), and
2 (5)”.

3 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
5 December 31, 2021.

6 **SEC. 10. HOLDING SSI, MEDICAID, AND CHIP BENE-**
7 **FICIARIES HARMLESS.**

8 For purposes of determining the income of an indi-
9 vidual to establish eligibility for, and the amount of, bene-
10 fits payable under title XVI of the Social Security Act,
11 eligibility for medical assistance under the State plan
12 under title XIX (or a waiver of such plan), or eligibility
13 for child health assistance under the State child health
14 plan under title XXI (or a waiver of the plan), the amount
15 of any benefit to which the individual is entitled under
16 title II of such Act shall be deemed not to exceed the
17 amount of the benefit that would be determined for such
18 individual under such title as in effect on the day before
19 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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