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# S. 804

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable tax credit for contributions to congressional candidates.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 7, 2003

Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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. CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONGRES-**  
4       **SIONAL CANDIDATES.**

5       (a) GENERAL RULE.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-  
6       chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
7       1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is  
8       amended by inserting after section 25B the following new  
9       section:

1 **“SEC. 25C. CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONGRESSIONAL CAN-**  
 2 **DIDATES.**

3 “(a) GENERAL RULE.—In the case of an eligible indi-  
 4 vidual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax  
 5 imposed by this chapter for the taxable year an amount  
 6 equal to the total of contributions to candidates for the  
 7 office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resi-  
 8 dent Commissioner to, the Congress.

9 “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The credit allowed by sub-  
 10 section (a) for a taxable year shall not exceed \$200 (\$400  
 11 in the case of a joint return).

12 “(c) VERIFICATION.—The credit allowed by sub-  
 13 section (a) shall be allowed, with respect to any contribu-  
 14 tion, only if such contribution is verified in such manner  
 15 as the Secretary shall prescribe by regulations.

16 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

17 “(1) CANDIDATE; CONTRIBUTION.—The terms  
 18 ‘candidate’ and ‘contribution’ have the meanings  
 19 given such terms in section 301 of the Federal Elec-  
 20 tion Campaign Act of 1971.

21 “(2) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible  
 22 individual’ means any taxpayer whose adjusted gross  
 23 income for the taxable year does not exceed \$60,000  
 24 (\$120,000 in the case of a joint return).”.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

1           (1) Section 642 of the Internal Revenue Code  
2           of 1986 (relating to special rules for credits and de-  
3           ductions of estates or trusts) is amended by adding  
4           at the end the following new subsection:

5           “(j) CREDIT FOR CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS NOT AL-  
6           LOWED.—An estate or trust shall not be allowed the credit  
7           against tax provided by section 25C.”.

8           (2) The table of sections for subpart A of part  
9           IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code is  
10          amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-  
11          tion 25B the following new item:

            “Sec. 25C. Contributions to congressional candidates.”.

12          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13          this section shall apply with respect to contributions made  
14          after the date of the enactment of this Act, in taxable  
15          years ending after such date.

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