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To prohibit deductions under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for payments to Holocaust survivors under certain settlements.

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Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr. KING, Mr. WEINER, Mr. FORBES, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mr. OSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. PROHIBITION ON DEDUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN**
4 **SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS TO HOLOCAUST**
5 **SURVIVORS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—No deduction shall be allowed
7 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any payment
8 under a foreign-based Holocaust victims' settlement if no
9 deduction would be allowed under such Code for such pay-

1 ment were it made directly by the foreign bank or other
2 entity entering into such settlement.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

4 (1) FOREIGN-BASED HOLOCAUST VICTIMS’ SET-
5 TLEMENT.—The term “foreign-based Holocaust vic-
6 tims’ settlement” means a settlement entered into by
7 a foreign bank or other foreign entity to make a
8 Holocaust victims’ settlement payment.

9 (2) HOLOCAUST VICTIMS’ SETTLEMENT PAY-
10 MENT.—The term “Holocaust victims’ settlement
11 payment” means any of the following payments:

12 (A) A payment received as a result of set-
13 tlement of the action entitled “In re Holocaust
14 Victims’ Asset Litigation”, (E.D. NY), C.A.
15 No. 96–4849.

16 (B) Any amount received under the Ger-
17 man Act Regulating Unresolved Property
18 Claims or any other foreign law providing for
19 payments for Holocaust claims.

20 (C) A payment received as a result of the
21 settlement of a Holocaust claim not described
22 in subparagraph (A) or (B), including an insur-
23 ance claim relating to looted art or financial as-
24 sets, a claim relating to compensation for slave

1 or forced labor, and a claim relating to foreign
2 bank accounts.

3 (3) HOLOCAUST CLAIM.—For purposes of para-
4 graph (2)(C), the term “Holocaust claim” means a
5 claim made by—

6 (A) an individual or entity arising from
7 persecution by Nazi Germany, its allies, or its
8 sympathizers by reason of political opposition,
9 race, religion, beliefs, or ideology, for any injury
10 incurred by such individual or entity as a result
11 of such persecution, or

12 (B) an heir of an individual described in
13 subparagraph (A) for an injury described in
14 that subparagraph.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
16 respect to payments made after the date of the enactment
17 of this Act.

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