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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

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Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. DODD, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. REID, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. BAYH, and Mr. JOHNSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

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 “Good Samaritan Hun-
5 ger Relief Tax Incentive Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHARITABLE DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF**
7 **FOOD INVENTORY.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 170 of
9 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to certain

1 contributions of ordinary income and capital gain prop-
2 erty) is amended by adding at the end the following new
3 paragraph:

4 “(7) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF
5 FOOD INVENTORY.—For purposes of this section—

6 “(A) CONTRIBUTIONS BY NON-CORPORATE
7 TAXPAYERS.—In the case of a charitable con-
8 tribution of food by a taxpayer, paragraph
9 (3)(A) shall be applied without regard to wheth-
10 er or not the contribution is made by a corpora-
11 tion.

12 “(B) LIMIT ON REDUCTION.—In the case
13 of a charitable contribution of food which is a
14 qualified contribution (within the meaning of
15 paragraph (3)(A), as modified by subparagraph
16 (A) of this paragraph)—

17 “(i) paragraph (3)(B) shall not apply,
18 and

19 “(ii) the reduction under paragraph
20 (1)(A) for such contribution shall be no
21 greater than the amount (if any) by which
22 the amount of such contribution exceeds
23 twice the basis of such food.

24 “(C) DETERMINATION OF BASIS.—For
25 purposes of this paragraph, if a taxpayer uses

1 the cash method of accounting, the basis of any
2 qualified contribution of such taxpayer shall be
3 deemed to be 50 percent of the fair market
4 value of such contribution.

5 “(D) DETERMINATION OF FAIR MARKET
6 VALUE.—In the case of a charitable contribu-
7 tion of food which is a qualified contribution
8 (within the meaning of paragraph (3), as modi-
9 fied by subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this para-
10 graph) and which, solely by reason of internal
11 standards of the taxpayer, lack of market, or
12 similar circumstances, or which is produced by
13 the taxpayer exclusively for the purposes of
14 transferring the food to an organization de-
15 scribed in paragraph (3)(A), cannot or will not
16 be sold, the fair market value of such contribu-
17 tion shall be determined—

18 “(i) without regard to such internal
19 standards, such lack of market, such cir-
20 cumstances, or such exclusive purpose, and

21 “(ii) if applicable, by taking into ac-
22 count the price at which the same or simi-
23 lar food items are sold by the taxpayer at
24 the time of the contribution (or, if not so
25 sold at such time, in the recent past).”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2001.

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