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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a standard home office deduction in the case of certain uses of the office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RYAN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. WEINER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, and Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas) 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. STANDARD HOME OFFICE DEDUCTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 280A of
5 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to disallow-
6 ance of certain expenses in connection with business use
7 of home, rental of vacation homes, etc.) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(7) STANDARD HOME OFFICE DEDUCTION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an indi-
2 vidual who is allowed a deduction for the use of
3 a home office because of a use described in
4 paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of this subsection,
5 notwithstanding the limitations of paragraph
6 (5), if such individual elects the application of
7 this paragraph for the taxable year, such indi-
8 vidual shall be allowed a deduction equal to the
9 standard home office deduction for the taxable
10 year in lieu of the deductions otherwise allow-
11 able under this chapter for such taxable year by
12 reason of being attributed to such use.

13 “(B) STANDARD HOME OFFICE DEDUC-
14 TION.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
15 standard home office deduction is the lesser
16 of—

17 “(i) \$2,000, or

18 “(ii) the gross income derived from
19 the individual’s trade or business for which
20 such use occurs.

21 “(C) INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.—In the
22 case of any taxable year beginning in a calendar
23 year after 2008, the dollar amount in subpara-
24 graph (B)(i) shall be increased by an amount
25 equal to—

1 “(i) such dollar amount, multiplied by

2 “(ii) the cost-of-living adjustment de-
3 termined under section 1(f)(3) for the cal-
4 endar year in which the taxable year be-
5 gins, determined by substituting ‘2007’ for
6 ‘1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.

7 Any increase determined under the preceding
8 sentence shall be rounded to the nearest mul-
9 tiple of \$100.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12 December 31, 2007.

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