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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a refundable tax credit to return revenue raised from tariffs against Chinese imports to the American people.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Tariff Tax Credit Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFUNDABLE TARIFF REBATE CREDIT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart C of part IV of sub-
8 chapter A of chapter 1 of subtitle A of the Internal Rev-

1 enue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section
2 36B the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 36C. TARIFF REBATE CREDIT.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible indi-
5 vidual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
6 imposed by this subtitle for the taxable year an amount
7 equal to the applicable amount for such taxable year.

8 “(b) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
10 tion, the term ‘eligible individual’ means an indi-
11 vidual who, with respect to any taxable year ending
12 with or within a calendar year, has filed a Federal
13 income tax return not later than October 15 of the
14 succeeding calendar year.

15 “(2) EXCEPTION.—The term ‘eligible indi-
16 vidual’ shall not include, with respect to any taxable
17 year—

18 “(A) any estate or trust,

19 “(B) any nonresident alien individual or
20 any alien who is not authorized for employment
21 in the United States, or

22 “(C) any individual who is a dependent for
23 whom a deduction is allowable under section
24 151 to another taxpayer for such taxable year.

25 “(c) APPLICABLE AMOUNT.—

1 “(1) DETERMINATION.—Not later than March
2 1, 2020, and every 12 months thereafter, the Sec-
3 retary shall—

4 “(A) determine the total amount collected
5 pursuant to duties imposed on goods imported
6 from the People’s Republic of China under sec-
7 tion 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
8 2411) during the preceding calendar year, and

9 “(B) estimate the number of eligible indi-
10 viduals that will file a Federal income tax re-
11 turn for the taxable year ending with or within
12 the calendar year described in subparagraph
13 (A).

14 “(2) CALCULATION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this
16 section, the applicable amount for each taxable
17 year shall be an amount equal to the quotient
18 obtained by dividing—

19 “(i) the amount described in para-
20 graph (1)(A) for the calendar year in
21 which such taxable year ends, by

22 “(ii) the amount described in para-
23 graph (1)(B) for such taxable year.

1 “(B) ROUNDING.—Any amount determined
2 under subparagraph (A) shall be rounded down
3 to the next whole dollar amount.

4 “(3) SPECIAL RULE.—In the case of any tax-
5 able year beginning after December 31, 2018, and
6 ending before January 1, 2020, the amount under
7 paragraph (2)(A)(i) shall be equal to the sum of the
8 amounts determined under paragraph (1)(A) for cal-
9 endar years 2018 and 2019.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

11 (1) The table of sections for subpart C of part
12 IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of subtitle A of the
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
14 serting after the item relating to section 36B the fol-
15 lowing:

“Sec. 36C. Tariff rebate credit.”.

16 (2) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of such Code is
17 amended by striking “and 36B, 168(k)(4)” and in-
18 serting “36B, and 36C”.

19 (3) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title
20 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting
21 “36C,” after “36B,”.

22 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
23 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
24 necessary to administer section 36C of the Internal Rev-
25 enue Code of 1986 (as added by subsection (a)).

1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2018.

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