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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a credit for hired critical employees and to make permanent certain expiring provisions relating to the child tax credit.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JAMES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reignite Hope Act of  
5 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR HIRED CRITICAL EMPLOYEES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-  
3 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
4 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25E the fol-  
5 lowing new section:

6 **“SEC. 25F. CREDIT FOR HIRED CRITICAL EMPLOYEES.**

7 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of a crit-  
8 ical employee, there shall be allowed \$3,500 as a credit  
9 against the tax imposed by this chapter.

10 “(b) CRITICAL EMPLOYEE.—For purposes of this  
11 section:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘critical em-  
13 ployee’ means any of the following individuals whose  
14 employer certifies that such individual worked full-  
15 time for not less than 75 percent of the taxable year  
16 in such professional capacity and that such individ-  
17 ual’s primary place of employment for the majority  
18 of hours worked during such taxable year is located  
19 in a qualified opportunity zone:

20 “(A) A healthcare professional.

21 “(B) A law enforcement officer (as such  
22 term is defined in section 806 of title I of the  
23 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of  
24 1968).

25 “(C) A member of a rescue squad or am-  
26 bulance crew (as such term is defined in section

1           806 of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control  
2           and Safe Streets Act of 1968).

3           “(D) A firefighter (as such term is defined  
4           in section 806 of title I of the Omnibus Crime  
5           Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968).

6           “(E) an eligible child care provider or fam-  
7           ily child care provider (as such terms are de-  
8           fined in section 658P of the Child Care and De-  
9           velopment Block Grant Act of 1990).

10          “(F) personal or home care aide (as such  
11          term is defined in section 2008 of the Social  
12          Security Act).

13          “(2) HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL.—The term  
14          ‘healthcare professional’ means—

15                 “(A) a certified nursing assistant, or

16                 “(B) a licensed practical nurse or reg-  
17                 istered professional nurse.

18          “(3) The term ‘qualified opportunity zone’  
19          means a census tract designated as a qualified op-  
20          portunity zone under section 1400z-1(b)(1) as of the  
21          date of the enactment of this section.

22          “(c) SUNSET.— No credit shall be allowed under sub-  
23          section (a) for any taxable year beginning after the date  
24          that is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this  
25          section.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of section  
2 for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1  
3 of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
4 ing to section 25E the following new item:

“Sec. 25F. Credit for hired critical employees.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
7 the date of the enactment of this section.

8 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF**  
9 **SPECIAL RULES FOR CHILD TAX CREDIT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 24 of the Internal Rev-  
11 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsections (a),  
12 (b), and (c) and inserting the following new subsections:

13 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—There shall be al-  
14 lowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter  
15 for the taxable year an amount equal to the sum of—

16 “(1) \$3,500 for each qualifying child of the tax-  
17 payer (\$4,500 in the case of a qualifying child who  
18 has not attained age 6 as of the close of the cal-  
19 endar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer  
20 begins), and

21 “(2) in the case of any taxable year beginning  
22 before January 1, 2026, \$500 for each qualifying  
23 dependent (other than a qualifying child) of the tax-  
24 payer.

1           “(b) LIMITATION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS IN-  
2 COME.—The amount of the credit allowable under sub-  
3 section (a) shall be reduced (but not below zero) by \$50  
4 for each \$1,000 (or fraction thereof) by which the tax-  
5 payer’s modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$400,000  
6 in the case of a joint return (\$200,000 in any other case).  
7 For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term “modi-  
8 fied adjusted gross income” means adjusted gross income  
9 increased by any amount excluded from gross income  
10 under section 911, 931, or 933.

11           “(c) QUALIFYING CHILD; QUALIFYING DEPEND-  
12 ENT.—For purposes of this section—

13                   “(1) QUALIFYING CHILD.—The term ‘qualifying  
14 child’ means any qualifying dependent of the tax-  
15 payer—

16                           “(A) who is a qualifying child (as defined  
17 in section 152(c)) of the taxpayer,

18                           “(B) who has not attained age 18 at the  
19 close of the calendar year in which the taxable  
20 year of the taxpayer begins, and

21                           “(C) whose name and social security num-  
22 ber are included on the taxpayer’s return of tax  
23 for the taxable year.

24                   “(2) QUALIFYING DEPENDENT.—The term  
25 ‘qualifying dependent’ means any dependent of the

1 taxpayer (as defined in section 152 without regard  
2 to all that follows ‘resident of the United States’ in  
3 section 152(b)(3)(A)) whose name and TIN are in-  
4 cluded on the taxpayer’s return of tax for the tax-  
5 able year.

6 “(3) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER DEFINED.—  
7 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘social se-  
8 curity number’ means, with respect to a return of  
9 tax, a social security number issued to an individual  
10 by the Social Security Administration, but only if  
11 the social security number is issued—

12 “(A) to a citizen of the United States or  
13 pursuant to subclause (I) (or that portion of  
14 subclause (III) that relates to subclause (I)) of  
15 section 205(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Social Security  
16 Act, and

17 “(B) on or before the due date of filing  
18 such return.”.

19 (b) PORTION OF CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—Section  
20 24(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-  
21 ed—

22 (1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting  
23 the following:

24 “(A) the credit which would be allowed  
25 under this section determined—

1 “(i) without regard to subsection  
2 (a)(2), and

3 “(ii) without regard to this subsection  
4 (other than this subparagraph) and the  
5 limitation under section 26(a), or”, and

6 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “15 per-  
7 cent of so much of the taxpayer’s earned income  
8 (within the meaning of section 32) which is taken  
9 into account in computing taxable income for the  
10 taxable year as exceeds \$3,000” and inserting “15.3  
11 percent of the taxpayer’s earned income (within the  
12 meaning of section 32) which is taken into account  
13 in computing taxable income”.

14 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

15 (1) Section 24(e) of the Internal Revenue Code  
16 of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

17 “(e) TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—

18 No credit shall be allowed under this section if the identi-  
19 fying number of the taxpayer was issued after the due date  
20 for filing the return of tax for the taxable year.”.

21 (2) Section 24 of such Code is amended by  
22 striking subsection (h).

23 (d) REPEAL OF CERTAIN LATER ENACTED PROVI-  
24 SIONS.—

1           (1) Section 24 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
2           1986 is amended by striking subsections (i), (j), and  
3           (k).

4           (2) Chapter 77 of such Code is amended by  
5           striking section 7527A (and by striking the item re-  
6           lating to section 7527A in the table of sections for  
7           such chapter).

8           (3) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended  
9           by inserting “and” at the end of subparagraph (X),  
10          by striking “, and” at the end of subparagraph (Y)  
11          and inserting a period, and by striking subparagraph  
12          (Z).

13          (4) Section 3402(f)(1)(C) of such Code is  
14          amended by striking “section 24 (determined after  
15          application of subsection (j) thereof)” and inserting  
16          “section 24(a)”.

17          (5) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of such Code is  
18          amended—

19                (A) by striking “24 by reason of sub-  
20                sections (d) and (i)(1) thereof” and inserting  
21                “24(d)”, and

22                (B) by striking “6428B, and 7527A” and  
23                inserting “and 6428B”.



1           (6) Section 1324(b)(2) of title 31, United  
2           States Code, is amended by striking “6431, or  
3           7527A” and inserting “or 6431”.

4           (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5           this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
6           December 31, 2022.