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# H. R. 3060

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide an exclusion from gross income for interest on certain small business loans.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2023

Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. BURCHETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Access Business Credit  
5 Act of 2023” or as the “ABC Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF INTEREST ON CERTAIN SMALL BUSI-**  
7 **NESS LOANS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chap-  
9 ter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended  
10 by inserting after section 139I the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 139J. INTEREST ON CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESS**  
2 **LOANS.**

3 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a bank described  
4 in subsection (c), gross income shall not include qualified  
5 interest received from a small business during the taxable  
6 year.

7 “(b) QUALIFIED INTEREST.—The term ‘qualified in-  
8 terest’ means, with respect to a small business, interest  
9 on indebtedness of not more than \$5,000,000—

10 “(1) secured by land situated in the United  
11 States that is used or held by the small business in  
12 connection with the active conduct of a farming  
13 business, or

14 “(2) incurred in the ordinary course of the  
15 trade or business of the small business.

16 “(c) BANK DESCRIBED.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A bank is described in this  
18 subsection if the bank has less than  
19 \$50,000,000,000 in assets at the close of the pre-  
20 ceding taxable year.

21 “(2) BANK DEFINED.—For purposes of this  
22 subsection—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘bank’  
24 means—

25 “(i) any financial institution described  
26 in section 581 or 591, and

1           “(ii) a corporation which, under the  
2           laws of the State of its incorporation, is  
3           subject to supervision and examination by  
4           the Commissioner of Banking or other offi-  
5           cer of such State in charge of the adminis-  
6           tration of the banking laws of such State.

7           “(B) HOLDING COMPANY.—The term  
8           ‘bank’ includes—

9                   “(i) any bank holding company (with-  
10                  in the meaning of section 2(a) of the Bank  
11                  Holding Company Act of 1956), and

12                   “(ii) any subsidiary of a financial in-  
13                  stitution described in section 581 or 591 or  
14                  of any bank holding company if such sub-  
15                  sidiary is predominantly engaged (directly  
16                  or indirectly) in the active conduct of a  
17                  banking, financing, or similar business.

18           “(d) SMALL BUSINESS.—The term ‘small business’  
19           means a small business concern as defined under section  
20           3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

21           “(e) FARMING BUSINESS.—The term ‘farming busi-  
22           ness’ has the meaning given such term by section  
23           263A(e)(4).

24           “(f) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply to  
25           interest received after December 31, 2027.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
2 for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code  
3 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section  
4 139I the following new item:

“Sec. 139J. Interest on certain small business loans.”.

5 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than Decem-  
6 ber 31, 2025, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, after  
7 consultation with the Federal reserve banks, shall submit  
8 to Congress a written report providing the recommenda-  
9 tion of the Commissioner regarding whether the exclusion  
10 provided under section 139J of the Internal Revenue Code  
11 of 1986 (as added by this section) should be extended or  
12 should be allowed to terminate and the reasons for such  
13 recommendation.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section shall apply to interest received after December  
16 31, 2022, in taxable years ending after such date.

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