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# H. R. 3988

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow above-the-line deductions for charitable contributions for individuals not itemizing deductions.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2017

Mr. WALKER 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 “Universal Charitable  
5 Giving Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTIONS FOR**  
2 **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INDIVID-**  
3 **UALS NOT ITEMIZING DEDUCTIONS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (a) of section 62 of the  
5 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting  
6 after paragraph (21) the following new paragraph:

7 “(22) **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INDI-**  
8 **VIDUALS NOT ITEMIZING DEDUCTIONS.**—In the case  
9 of an individual who does not elect to itemize his de-  
10 ductions for the taxable year, the deduction allowed  
11 by section 170. The preceding sentence shall not  
12 apply to any deduction in excess of an amount equal  
13 to the product of  $\frac{1}{3}$  and the standard deduction for  
14 such individual.”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
16 this section shall apply with respect to taxable years begin-  
17 ning after the date of enactment of this Act.

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