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To replace references to “wives” and “husbands” in Federal law with references to “spouses”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY 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 “Amend the Code for  
5 Marriage Equality Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) ACT OF AUGUST 16, 1941.—Section 2(b) of the  
8 Act of August 16, 1941, entitled “An Act to provide com-  
9 pensation for disability or death to persons employed at

1 military, air, and naval bases outside the United States.”  
2 (42 U.S.C. 1652(b)) is amended by striking “wife” each  
3 place such term appears and inserting “spouse”.

4 (b) ACT OF AUGUST 4, 1955.—Section 43(a) of the  
5 Act of August 4, 1955, entitled “An Act to direct the Sec-  
6 retary of Agriculture to release on behalf of the United  
7 States conditions in two deeds conveying certain submar-  
8 ginal lands to Clemson Agricultural College of South  
9 Carolina so as to permit such college, subject to certain  
10 conditions, to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of such  
11 lands.” (42 U.S.C. 2333(a)) is amended by striking “hus-  
12 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”.

13 (c) ACT OF DECEMBER 2, 1942.—Section 101(c) of  
14 the Act of December 2, 1942, entitled “An Act to provide  
15 compensation for the injury, disability, death, or enemy  
16 detention of employees of contractors with the United  
17 States, and for other purposes.” (42 U.S.C. 1701(c)) is  
18 amended by striking “wife or husband” each place such  
19 term appears and inserting “spouse”.

20 (d) ACT OF FEBRUARY 28, 1891.—Section 5 of the  
21 Act of February 28, 1891 (25 U.S.C. 371), is amended  
22 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “a married  
23 couple”.

24 (e) ACT OF SEPTEMBER 2, 1960.—The Act of Sep-  
25 tember 2, 1960, entitled “An Act to provide for continued

1 delivery of water under the Federal reclamation laws to  
2 lands held by husband and wife upon the death of either”  
3 (43 U.S.C. 423h) is amended—

4 (1) in the title, by striking “husband and wife  
5 upon the death of either” and inserting “a married  
6 couple upon the death of either spouse”; and

7 (2) by striking “husband or wife” and inserting  
8 “married person”.

9 (f) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACT OF  
10 1949.—The Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 (50  
11 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) is amended—

12 (1) in the heading of section 16(c), by striking  
13 “Wives or Husbands” and inserting “Spouses”; and

14 (2) in section 19(b)(4), by striking “widow or  
15 widower, former spouse, and/or a child or children as  
16 defined in section 204 and section 232 of the Cen-  
17 tral Intelligence Agency Retirement Act of 1964 for  
18 Certain Employees” and inserting “surviving spouse,  
19 former spouse, or child as defined in section 102 of  
20 the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act”.

21 (g) CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY RETIREMENT  
22 ACT.—The Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Act  
23 (50 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.) is amended—

1           (1) in section 221(d)(5), by striking “former  
2 wife or husband of” and inserting “person who has  
3 been, but is no longer, married to”;

4           (2) in section 232(c)(3), by striking “former  
5 wife or husband of” and inserting “person who has  
6 been, but is no longer, married to”;

7           (3) in section 241—

8                 (A) in subsection (b)—

9                         (i) in paragraph (2), by inserting after  
10 “former spouse” the following: “(as de-  
11 fined under section 102)”;

12                        (ii) in paragraph (3)—

13                                 (I) in the heading, by striking  
14 “wife or husband” and inserting  
15 “spouse other than as defined under  
16 section 102”; and

17                                 (II) by striking “former wife or  
18 husband of the former participant”  
19 and inserting “person who has been,  
20 but is no longer, married to the  
21 former participant, but who is not a  
22 former spouse as defined under suc-  
23 tion 102”; and

1 (iii) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking  
2 “former wife or husband” and inserting  
3 “person”;

4 (B) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “sur-  
5 viving wife or husband of such participant” and  
6 inserting “person who was married to such par-  
7 ticipant at the participant’s death”; and

8 (C) in paragraph (d)(2)—

9 (i) by striking “surviving former  
10 spouse or surviving former wife or husband  
11 of such participant” and inserting “per-  
12 son”; and

13 (ii) by striking “to such former spouse  
14 or former wife or husband” and inserting  
15 “under such paragraph”; and

16 (4) in section 304(d)(2), by striking “widow or  
17 widower” each place such term appears and insert-  
18 ing “surviving spouse”.

19 (h) ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS  
20 COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2000.—The Energy  
21 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
22 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384 et seq.) is amended—

23 (1) in section 3628(e)(3)(A), by striking “wife  
24 or husband of that individual” and inserting “per-  
25 son”; and

1           (2) in section 3630(e)(3)(A), by striking “wife  
2           or husband of that individual” and inserting “per-  
3           son”.

4           (i) ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 1978.—Section  
5 109(16) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5  
6 U.S.C. App. 109(16)) is amended by striking “husband,  
7 wife” and inserting “spouse”.

8           (j) FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993.—  
9 Section 102(f) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of  
10 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(f)) is amended—

11           (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “husband and  
12           wife” and inserting “married couple”; and

13           (2) in paragraph (2)—

14           (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “that  
15           husband and wife” and inserting “such  
16           spouses”; and

17           (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “hus-  
18           band and wife” and inserting “married couple”.

19           (k) FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN ACT OF 1971.—  
20 Section 313(c)(3)(B) of the Federal Election Campaign  
21 Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C. 30114(c)(3)(B)) is amended by  
22 striking “husband, wife” and inserting “spouse”.

23           (l) FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT OF  
24 1977.—The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977  
25 (30 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in section 402—

2 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

3 (i) by striking “wife who is a member  
4 of the same household of the miner” and  
5 inserting “spouse who is a member of the  
6 same household as the miner”;

7 (ii) by striking “miner for her sup-  
8 port” and inserting “miner for his or her  
9 support”;

10 (iii) by striking “whose husband is a  
11 miner who has been ordered by a court to  
12 contribute to her support” and inserting  
13 “for whose support the miner has been or-  
14 dered by a court to contribute”;

15 (iv) by striking “216(b) (1) or (2)”  
16 and inserting “216(b)(1) or (2)”;

17 (v) by striking “status as the ‘wife’ of  
18 a miner” and inserting “status as the  
19 ‘spouse’ of a miner”;

20 (vi) by striking “‘wife’ also includes a  
21 ‘divorced wife’ as defined in section  
22 216(d)(1)” and inserting “‘spouse’ also in-  
23 cludes a ‘divorced spouse’ as defined in  
24 section 216(d)(9)”;

1 (vii) by striking “one-half of her sup-  
2 port” and inserting “half of his or her sup-  
3 port”; and

4 (viii) by inserting “his or” before “her  
5 support from such miner”; and

6 (B) in subsection (e)—

7 (i) by striking “widow includes the  
8 wife” and inserting “surviving spouse in-  
9 cludes the spouse”;

10 (ii) by striking “individual’s status as  
11 the ‘widow’” and inserting “individual’s  
12 status as the ‘surviving spouse’”;

13 (iii) by striking “surviving divorced  
14 wife” and inserting “surviving divorced  
15 spouse”; and

16 (iv) by inserting “his or” before “her”  
17 each place such term appears;

18 (2) in section 411(c)(4)—

19 (A) by striking “widow’s,” and inserting  
20 “surviving spouse’s,”; and

21 (B) by striking “wife’s” and inserting  
22 “spouse’s”; and

23 (3) in section 413(b)—

24 (A) by striking “wife’s” and inserting  
25 “surviving spouse’s”; and



1 (B) by striking “widow,” and inserting  
2 “surviving spouse.”

3 (m) FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.—The Foreign  
4 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.) is amend-  
5 ed—

6 (1) in the item relating to the first section 830  
7 in the table of contents, by striking “wives and hus-  
8 bands” and inserting “spouses”;

9 (2) in section 804—

10 (A) in paragraph (6), by striking “former  
11 wife or husband of a participant or former par-  
12 ticipant” and inserting “person”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (13), by striking “sur-  
14 viving wife or husband of a participant or annu-  
15 itant who was married to the” and inserting  
16 “person who was married to a”;

17 (3) in section 815(f)(2), by striking “wife or  
18 husband” and inserting “spouse”; and

19 (4) in the first section 830 (relating to qualified  
20 former wives and husbands)—

21 (A) in the heading of such section, by  
22 striking “former wives and husbands” and in-  
23 serting “spouses”;

1 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “quali-  
2 fied former wife or husband” and inserting  
3 “qualified former spouse”; and

4 (C) in subsection (c), by striking “former  
5 wife or husband” each place such term occurs  
6 and inserting “former spouse”.

7 (n) IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT.—The Im-  
8 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) is  
9 amended—

10 (1) in section 101(a)(35) (8 U.S.C.  
11 1101(a)(35))—

12 (A) by striking “, ‘wife’, or ‘husband’”;  
13 and

14 (B) by striking “, wife, or husband”;

15 (2) in section 202(b) (8 U.S.C. 1152(b)), by  
16 striking “husband and wife” and inserting  
17 “spouses”;

18 (3) in section 278 (8 U.S.C. 1328), by striking  
19 “a husband or wife shall be admissible and com-  
20 petent evidence against each other” and inserting  
21 “an individual shall be admissible and competent  
22 evidence against such individual’s spouse”; and

23 (4) in section 283 (8 U.S.C. 1353), by striking  
24 “wives” and inserting “spouses”.

1 (o) INDIAN LAND CONSOLIDATION ACT.—Section  
2 207(j)(3)(A)(ii) of the Indian Land Consolidation Act (25  
3 U.S.C. 2206) is amended by striking “husband and wife”  
4 and inserting “the participants as spouses”.

5 (p) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—The Internal Rev-  
6 enue Code of 1986 is amended—

7 (1) in the matter following section 21(d)(2)(B),  
8 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “mar-  
9 ried couple”;

10 (2) in section 22(e)(1), by striking “husband  
11 and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

12 (3) in section 38(c)(6)(A), by striking “husband  
13 or wife” and inserting “spouse”;

14 (4) in section 42(j)(5)(C)—

15 (A) in the heading of clause (i), by striking  
16 “Husband and wife” and inserting “Married  
17 couple”; and

18 (B) in clause (i), by striking “a husband  
19 and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

20 (5) in section 62(b)(3)(A), by striking “hus-  
21 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

22 (6) in section 121—

23 (A) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “hus-  
24 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;  
25 and

1 (B) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “hus-  
2 band and wife make” and inserting “married  
3 couple makes”;

4 (7) in section 165(h)(4)(B), by striking “hus-  
5 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

6 (8) in section 179(b)(4), by striking “husband  
7 and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

8 (9) in section 213(d)(8), by striking “husband  
9 and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

10 (10) in section 219(g)(4), by striking “A hus-  
11 band and wife” and inserting “Spouses”;

12 (11) in section 274(b)(2)(B), by striking “hus-  
13 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

14 (12) in the matter following section 643(f)(2),  
15 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “mar-  
16 ried couple”;

17 (13) in section 682—

18 (A) in subsection (a)—

19 (i) in the heading, by striking “wife”  
20 and inserting “recipient”;

21 (ii) by striking “gross income of a  
22 wife” and inserting “gross income of an in-  
23 dividual”;

1 (iii) by striking “separated from her  
2 husband” and inserting “separated from  
3 his or her spouse”;

4 (iv) by striking “such wife is entitled  
5 to receive” and inserting “such person is  
6 entitled to receive”;

7 (v) by striking “gross income of her  
8 husband” and inserting “gross income of  
9 his or her spouse”;

10 (vi) by striking “gross income of such  
11 husband” and inserting “gross income of  
12 such spouse”; and

13 (vii) by striking “minor children of  
14 such husband” and inserting “minor chil-  
15 dren of such spouse”; and

16 (B) in subsection (b)—

17 (i) in the heading, by striking “Wife”  
18 and inserting “Recipient”;

19 (ii) by striking “a wife to whom sub-  
20 section (a) applies” and inserting “an indi-  
21 vidual who receives income from a trust to  
22 which subsection (a) applies”; and

23 (iii) by striking “such wife” and in-  
24 serting “such individual”;

1 (14) in section 761(f), by striking “husband  
2 and wife” each place such term appears and insert-  
3 ing “married couple”;

4 (15) in section 911—

5 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(C)—

6 (i) by striking “husband or wife” and  
7 inserting “member of a married couple”;  
8 and

9 (ii) by striking “husband and wife”  
10 and inserting “married couple”; and

11 (B) in subsection (d)(9), by striking “a  
12 husband and wife” and inserting “the members  
13 of a married couple”;

14 (16) in section 1244(b)(2), by striking “hus-  
15 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

16 (17) in section 1272(a)(2)(E)(iii)—

17 (A) in the heading of such clause, by strik-  
18 ing “husband and wife” and inserting “married  
19 couple”; and

20 (B) by striking “husband and wife” and  
21 inserting “married couple”;

22 (18) in section 1313(c)(1), by striking “hus-  
23 band and wife” and inserting “spouse”;

24 (19) in section 1361(c)(1)(A)(i), by striking  
25 “husband and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

1 (20) in the heading of section 2040(b), by strik-  
2 ing “husband and wife” and inserting “spouses”;

3 (21) in the item relating to section 2513 in the  
4 table of contents for subchapter B of chapter 12 of  
5 subtitle B, by striking “husband or wife” and insert-  
6 ing “spouse”;

7 (22) in the heading of section 2513, by striking  
8 “husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”;

9 (23) in section 2516, by striking “a husband  
10 and wife” and inserting “the members of a married  
11 couple”;

12 (24) in section 5733(d)(2), by striking “a hus-  
13 band or wife” and inserting “an individual”;

14 (25) in the item relating to section 6013 in the  
15 table of contents for subpart B of part II of sub-  
16 chapter A of chapter 61 of subtitle F, by striking  
17 “husband and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

18 (26) in section 6013—

19 (A) in the heading, by striking “husband  
20 and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

21 (B) in subsection (a)—

22 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
23 (1), by striking “husband and wife” and  
24 inserting “married couple”;

1 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “the  
2 husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”;  
3 and

4 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
5 “husband and wife” and inserting  
6 “spouses”;

7 (C) in subsection (b)(1)—

8 (i) by striking “filed by the husband  
9 and wife” and inserting “filed by the mar-  
10 ried couple”; and

11 (ii) by striking “the return of the hus-  
12 band and wife” and inserting “the return  
13 of both spouses”;

14 (D) in subsection (c), by striking “the hus-  
15 band and wife” and inserting “the spouses”;  
16 and

17 (E) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “hus-  
18 band and wife” and inserting “a married cou-  
19 ple”;

20 (27) in the matter following section 6014(b)(4),  
21 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “a  
22 married couple”;

23 (28) in section 6017, by striking “husband and  
24 wife” and inserting “married couple”;



1 (29) in section 6096(a), by striking “husband  
2 and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

3 (30) in section 6166(b)(2)(B)—

4 (A) in the heading of such subparagraph,  
5 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting  
6 “a married couple”;

7 (B) in clause (i), by striking “husband and  
8 wife” and inserting “married couple”; and

9 (C) in clause (ii) by striking “husband and  
10 wife” and inserting “married couple”;

11 (31) in section 6212(b)(2), by striking “hus-  
12 band and wife” and inserting “a married couple”;

13 (32) in section 6231(a)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)(i), by striking “a  
15 husband and wife” and inserting “a married  
16 couple”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (12)—

18 (i) by amending the heading to read  
19 as follows:

20 “(12) SPOUSES.—”; and

21 (ii) by striking “a husband and wife”  
22 and inserting “spouses”;

23 (33) in section 7428(c)(2)(A), by striking “hus-  
24 band and wife” and inserting “married couple”;

1           (34) in section 7701(a), by amending para-  
2 graph (17) to read as follows:

3           “(17) DIVORCED SPOUSES.—As used in sec-  
4 tions 682 and 2516, if the married couple therein  
5 referred to are divorced, wherever appropriate to the  
6 meaning of such sections the term ‘spouse’ shall be  
7 read ‘former spouse’ and the term ‘married couple’  
8 shall be read ‘former married couple.’”; and

9           (35) in section 7872(f)(7)—

10           (A) in the heading, by striking “Husband  
11 and wife” and inserting “Married couple”; and

12           (B) by striking “husband and wife” and  
13 inserting “married couple”.

14           (q) LONGSHORE AND HARBOR WORKERS’ COM-  
15 PENSATION ACT.—The Longshore and Harbor Workers’  
16 Compensation Act (33 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) is amended—

17           (1) in section 2(16), by striking “wife or hus-  
18 band” and inserting “spouse”;

19           (2) in section 5(a), by striking “husband or  
20 wife” and inserting “spouse”;

21           (3) in section 8(d)(1)(D), by striking “wife,  
22 husband,” and inserting “spouse”; and

23           (4) in section 9—

1 (A) in subsection (d), by striking “wife or  
2 husband” each place such term appears and in-  
3 serting “spouse”; and

4 (B) in subsection (g), by striking “wife”  
5 each place such term appears and inserting  
6 “spouse”.

7 (r) NATIONAL HOUSING ACT.—Section 527(a) of the  
8 National Housing Act (8 U.S.C. 1735f–5(a)) is amended  
9 by striking “husband and wife” and inserting “spouses”.

10 (s) ACT OF SEPTEMBER 5, 1962.—Section 3(c) of the  
11 Act of September 5, 1962, entitled “An Act to provide  
12 for the division of the tribal assets of the Ponca Tribe  
13 of Native Americans of Nebraska among the members of  
14 the tribe, and for other purposes.” (25 U.S.C. 973(c)) is  
15 amended by striking “wife” and inserting “spouse”.

16 (t) RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT OF 1974.—The  
17 Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 (45 U.S.C. 231 et seq.)  
18 is amended—

19 (1) in section 2—

20 (A) in subsection (c)—

21 (i) in paragraph (1)(ii), by striking  
22 “(C), in the case of a wife, has in her care  
23 (individually or jointly with her husband)”  
24 and inserting “(C) has in his or her care

1 (individually or jointly with his or her  
2 spouse)”;

3 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking “di-  
4 vorced wife” each place such term appears  
5 and inserting “divorced spouse”;

6 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

7 (I) by striking “(i)”; and

8 (II) by striking “; and (ii) in the  
9 case of a husband, was receiving at  
10 least one-half of his support from his  
11 wife at the time his wife’s annuity  
12 under subsection (a)(1) began”;

13 (iv) in paragraph (4), by striking “di-  
14 vorced wife” each place such term appears  
15 and inserting “divorced spouse”; and

16 (v) in the matter following paragraph  
17 (4), by striking “divorced wife’s annuity”  
18 and inserting “divorced spouse’s annuity”;

19 (B) in subsection (d)—

20 (i) in paragraph (1)—

21 (I) in clause (i)—

22 (aa) by striking “a widow  
23 (as defined in section 216 (c) and  
24 (k) of the Social Security Act) or  
25 widower (as defined in section

1 216 (g) and (k) of the Social Se-  
2 curity Act)” and inserting “a  
3 surviving spouse (as defined in  
4 section 216(a) of the Social Secu-  
5 rity Act)”;

6 (bb) by striking “, and who,  
7 in the case of a widower, was re-  
8 ceiving at least one-half his sup-  
9 port from the deceased employee  
10 at the time of her death or at the  
11 time her annuity under sub-  
12 section (a)(1) began”;

13 (II) in clause (ii)—

14 (aa) by striking “a widow  
15 (as defined in section 216 (c) and  
16 (k) of the Social Security Act)”  
17 and inserting “a surviving spouse  
18 (as defined in section 216(a) of  
19 the Social Security Act)”;

20 (bb) by inserting “his or”  
21 before “her”;

22 (III) in clause (iv), by striking  
23 “widow or widower” and inserting  
24 “surviving spouse”;

25 (IV) in clause (v)—

1 (aa) by striking “The widow  
2 (as defined in section 216(c) of  
3 the Social Security Act)” and in-  
4 serting “the surviving spouse (as  
5 defined in section 216(a) of the  
6 Social Security Act)”;

7 (bb) by striking “wife (as  
8 defined in section 216(d)” and  
9 inserting “spouse (as defined in  
10 section 216(a)”;

11 (cc) by striking “mother (as  
12 defined” and inserting “parent  
13 (as defined”;

14 (dd) by striking “widow,  
15 surviving divorced wife, or sur-  
16 viving divorced mother” each  
17 place such term appears and in-  
18 serting “surviving spouse, sur-  
19 viving divorced spouse, or sur-  
20 viving divorced parent”; and

21 (ee) by striking “202(f)”  
22 and inserting “202(e)”;

23 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

24 (I) by striking “, (B) in the case  
25 of a widow, the last month for which

1 she was entitled to an annuity under  
2 paragraph (ii) of subdivision (1) as  
3 the widow of the deceased employee,”;  
4 and

5 (II) by striking “widow or wid-  
6 ower” and inserting “surviving  
7 spouse”;

8 (iii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
9 “widow, widower, or child” and inserting  
10 “surviving spouse or child”; and

11 (iv) in paragraph (4)—

12 (I) by striking “wife, husband,  
13 widow, widower” and inserting  
14 “spouse, surviving spouse”;

15 (II) by striking “or (e)”;

16 (III) by striking “subsection, (e),  
17 (f), or (g)” and inserting “subsection  
18 (e) or (g)”;

19 (IV) by striking  
20 “202(d)(7)(c)(i)” and inserting  
21 “202(d)(7)(C)(i)”;

22 (C) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “di-  
23 vorced wife” and inserting “divorced spouse”;

1 (D) in subsection (f)(2), by striking  
2 “wife’s” each place such term appears and in-  
3 serting “spouse’s”; and

4 (E) in subsection (h)(3), by striking “wife”  
5 and inserting “spouse”;

6 (2) in section 3—

7 (A) in subsection (f)—

8 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
9 “wife’s or husband’s” and inserting  
10 “spouse’s”; and

11 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
12 “wife” and inserting “spouse”; and

13 (B) in subsection (h)—

14 (i) by striking “wife, husband, widow,  
15 or widower” each place such term appears  
16 and inserting “spouse or surviving  
17 spouse”; and

18 (ii) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
19 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
20 “spouse’s or surviving spouse’s”;

21 (3) in section 4—

22 (A) in subsection (a)—

23 (i) in paragraph (1)—



1 (I) by striking “divorced wife”  
2 each place such term appears and in-  
3 serting “divorced spouse”; and

4 (II) by striking “wife’s insurance  
5 benefit or the husband’s insurance  
6 benefit” and inserting “spouse’s in-  
7 surance benefit”; and

8 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “sec-  
9 tion 202(a), section 202(b), or section  
10 202(c)” and inserting “section 202(a) or  
11 section 202(c)”;

12 (B) in subsection (e)—

13 (i) by striking “wife’s or husband’s in-  
14 surance benefit” each place such term ap-  
15 pears and inserting “spouse’s insurance  
16 benefit”; and

17 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking  
18 “wife’s and husband’s” and inserting  
19 “spouse’s”;

20 (C) in subsection (f)—

21 (i) in paragraph (1)—

22 (I) by striking “widow’s insur-  
23 ance benefit, widower’s insurance ben-  
24 efit, mother’s insurance benefits, par-  
25 ent’s insurance benefit, or child’s in-

1 insurance benefit” and inserting “sur-  
2 viving spouse’s insurance benefit, par-  
3 ent’s insurance benefit, or child’s in-  
4 surance benefit”;

5 (II) by striking “widow or wid-  
6 ower” and inserting “surviving  
7 spouse”; and

8 (III) by striking “widow’s insur-  
9 ance benefit or widower’s insurance  
10 benefit payable under section 202(e)  
11 or 202(f)” and inserting “surviving  
12 spouse’s insurance benefit payable  
13 under section 202(e)”;

14 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

15 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
16 ower” each place such term appears  
17 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

18 (II) in clause (ii), by striking  
19 “widow’s insurance benefit, a wid-  
20 ower’s insurance benefit, or” and in-  
21 serting “surviving spouse’s benefit  
22 or”; and

23 (III) in clause (iii), by striking  
24 “widow, surviving divorced wife, or  
25 surviving divorced mother” and insert-

1                   ing “surviving spouse, surviving di-  
2                   vorcee spouse, or surviving divorced  
3                   parent”; and

4                   (iii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
5                   “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
6                   viving spouse”;

7                   (D) in subsection (g)—

8                   (i) in paragraph (1)(i), by striking  
9                   “widow or widower” each place such term  
10                  appears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

11                  (ii) in paragraph (4)—

12                  (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
13                  ower” each place such term appears  
14                  and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

15                  (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
16                  ower’s” each place such term appears  
17                  and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

18                  (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking  
19                  “widow, surviving divorced wife, or sur-  
20                  viving divorced mother” and inserting  
21                  “surviving spouse, surviving divorced  
22                  spouse, or surviving divorced parent”; and

23                  (iv) in paragraph (10)—

1 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
2 ower” each place such term appears  
3 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

4 (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
5 ower’s” each place such term appears  
6 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
7 and

8 (III) in clause (ii), by striking  
9 “widow or widower’s” and inserting  
10 “surviving spouse’s”;

11 (E) in subsection (h)—

12 (i) in paragraph (1)—

13 (I) by striking “widow or wid-  
14 ower” each place such term appears  
15 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

16 (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
17 ower’s” each place such term appears  
18 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
19 and

20 (III) by striking “or 202(f)”; and

21 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
22 “widow, surviving divorced wife, or sur-  
23 viving divorced mother” and inserting  
24 “surviving spouse, surviving divorced  
25 spouse, or surviving divorced parent”; and

1 (F) in subsection (i), by striking “spouse  
2 or divorced wife” each place such term appears  
3 and inserting “spouse or divorced spouse”;

4 (4) in section 5—

5 (A) in subsection (a)—

6 (i) in clause (v), by striking “wife,  
7 husband, widow, or widower” and inserting  
8 “spouse or surviving spouse”; and

9 (ii) in clause (vii), by striking “wife’s  
10 or husband’s” and inserting “spouse’s”;

11 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “widow  
12 or widower” and inserting “spouse”; and

13 (C) in subsection (c)—

14 (i) in paragraph (3)—

15 (I) by striking “wife” each place  
16 such term appears and inserting  
17 “spouse”; and

18 (II) by inserting “his or” before  
19 “her”;

20 (ii) in paragraph (4), by striking  
21 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
22 viving spouse”;

23 (iii) in paragraph (5), by striking  
24 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
25 viving spouse”;

1 (iv) in paragraph (6)—

2 (I) by striking “widow” and in-  
3 serting “surviving spouse”;

4 (II) by striking “she dies” and  
5 inserting “such surviving spouse  
6 dies”;

7 (III) by striking “she remarries”  
8 and inserting “such surviving spouse  
9 remarries”; and

10 (IV) by striking “she no longer”  
11 and inserting “such surviving spouse  
12 no longer”; and

13 (v) in paragraph (9)(B), by striking  
14 “widow’s or widower’s” and inserting “sur-  
15 viving spouse’s”;

16 (5) in section 6—

17 (A) in subsection (a)—

18 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
19 “widow or widower” each place such term  
20 appears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

21 (ii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
22 “widow or widower” each place such term  
23 appears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

24 (iii) in paragraph (3)—

1 (I) by striking “wife” and insert-  
2 ing “spouse”; and

3 (II) by striking “wife’s” and in-  
4 sserting “spouse’s”;

5 (iv) in paragraph (6), by striking  
6 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
7 viving spouse”; and

8 (v) in paragraph (7), by striking  
9 “widow, widower” and inserting “surviving  
10 spouse”;

11 (B) in subsection (b)—

12 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
13 “wife” and inserting “spouse”; and

14 (ii) in paragraph (2)—

15 (I) by striking “widow surviving  
16 divorced wife, widower” and inserting  
17 “no surviving spouse, surviving di-  
18 vorced spouse”; and

19 (II) by striking “widow or wid-  
20 ower” each place such term appears  
21 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

22 (C) in subsection (c)—

23 (i) in paragraph (1)—

1 (I) by striking “widow, widower,  
2 or parent” and inserting “surviving  
3 spouse or parent”;

4 (II) in clause (i), by striking  
5 “widow or widower” and inserting  
6 “surviving spouse”;

7 (III) in clause (ii), by striking  
8 “widow or widower” and inserting  
9 “surviving spouse”;

10 (IV) in clause (iii), by striking  
11 “widow, widower, or child” and insert-  
12 ing “surviving spouse or child”;

13 (V) in clause (iv), by striking  
14 “widow, widower” and inserting “sur-  
15 viving spouse”;

16 (VI) in clause (v), by striking  
17 “widow, widower” and inserting “sur-  
18 viving spouse”;

19 (VII) in clause (vi), by striking  
20 “widow, widower” and inserting “sur-  
21 viving spouse”; and

22 (VIII) in the matter following  
23 clause (vi), by striking “widow, wid-  
24 ower, or parent” each place such term



1 appears and inserting “surviving  
2 spouse or parent”; and

3 (ii) in paragraph (3)—

4 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
5 ing “divorced wife” and inserting  
6 “surviving divorced spouse”;

7 (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
8 striking “widow” and inserting “sur-  
9 viving spouse”; and

10 (III) in the matter following sub-  
11 paragraph (B), by striking “divorced  
12 wife” and inserting “survivor”;

13 (D) in subsection (d)(1), by striking  
14 “widow or widower” each place such term ap-  
15 pears and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

16 (E) in subsection (e)(1), by striking  
17 “widow or widower” each place such term ap-  
18 pears and inserting “surviving spouse”;

19 (6) in section 7—

20 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking  
21 “wife or divorced wife or husband” and insert-  
22 ing “spouse or divorced spouse”; and

23 (B) in subsection (d)(2)(i), by striking “in  
24 the case of a spouse or divorced wife, had such  
25 spouse’s husband or wife” and inserting “in the

1 case of a spouse or divorced spouse, had such  
2 person’s spouse”; and

3 (7) in section 19(a)—

4 (A) by striking “wife’s insurance benefits  
5 payable to a wife, husband’s insurance benefits”  
6 and inserting “spouse’s insurance benefits”;  
7 and

8 (B) by striking “widow’s insurance benefits  
9 payable to a widow, widower’s insurance bene-  
10 fits, mother’s insurance benefits payable to a  
11 widow” and inserting “surviving spouse’s bene-  
12 fits payable to a surviving spouse, parent’s in-  
13 surance benefits payable to a surviving spouse”.

14 (u) SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958.—  
15 Section 503(a)(2) of the Small Business Investment Act  
16 of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 697(a)(2)) is amended by striking  
17 “wife, husband” and inserting “spouse”.

18 (v) SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—The Social Security Act  
19 (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended—

20 (1) in section 202—

21 (A) in subsection (b)—

22 (i) in the heading, by striking  
23 “Wife’s” and inserting “Spouse’s”;

24 (ii) by striking “wife” each place such  
25 term appears and inserting “spouse”;

1 (iii) in paragraph (1)—

2 (I) by striking “(as defined in  
3 section 216(b))”;

4 (II) by striking “(as defined in  
5 section 216(d))”;

6 (III) in subparagraph (B), by  
7 striking “her” and inserting “such  
8 spouse’s”;

9 (IV) in subparagraph (D)(i), by  
10 striking “she” and inserting “such  
11 spouse or divorced spouse”;

12 (V) in the matter following sub-  
13 paragraph (D)(ii)(II), by inserting be-  
14 fore “she” each place such word ap-  
15 pears the following: “he or”;

16 (VI) in subparagraph (E), by  
17 striking “she” and inserting “such  
18 spouse”;

19 (VII) in subparagraph (G), by  
20 striking “she” each place such term  
21 appears and inserting “such spouse”;

22 (VIII) in subparagraph (H), by  
23 inserting “he or” before “she”; and

1 (IX) in subparagraph (J), by  
2 striking “she” and inserting “such  
3 spouse”; and

4 (iv) in paragraph (2)—

5 (I) by inserting before “her”  
6 each place such term appears “his  
7 or”; and

8 (II) by striking “husband” each  
9 place such term appears and inserting  
10 “spouse”;

11 (B) by striking subsection (c);

12 (C) in subsection (e)—

13 (i) in the heading, by striking “Wid-  
14 ow’s” and inserting “Surviving spouse’s”;

15 (ii) in paragraph (1)—

16 (I) in the matter preceding sub-  
17 paragraph (A)—

18 (aa) by striking “widow (as  
19 defined in section 216(c))” and  
20 inserting “surviving spouse”;

21 (bb) by striking “wife (as  
22 defined in section 216(d))” and  
23 inserting “spouse”; and

24 (cc) by striking “widow or  
25 surviving divorced wife” and in-

1                   serting “surviving spouse or sur-  
2                   viving divorced spouse”;  
3                   (II) in subparagraph (C)—  
4                   (aa) in clause (i), by striking  
5                   “widow’s” and inserting “sur-  
6                   viving spouse’s”;  
7                   (bb) in clause (ii)—  
8                   (AA) in the matter pre-  
9                   ceding subclause (I), by  
10                  striking “wife’s” and insert-  
11                  ing “spouse’s”; and  
12                  (BB) in subclause (III),  
13                  by inserting “he or” before  
14                  “she” and by inserting “him  
15                  or” before “her”; and  
16                  (cc) in clause (iii), by insert-  
17                  ing “father’s or” before “moth-  
18                  er’s”;  
19                  (III) in the matter preceding sub-  
20                  paragraph (E), by striking “widow’s”  
21                  and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
22                  (IV) in subparagraph (E), by in-  
23                  serting before “she” each place such  
24                  word appears the following: “he or”;

1 (V) in subparagraph (F), by in-  
2 sserting before “she” each place such  
3 word appears the following: “he or”;  
4 and

5 (VI) in the matter following sub-  
6 paragraph (F)(ii) by inserting before  
7 “she” each place such word appears  
8 the following: “he or”;  
9 (iii) in paragraph (2)—

10 (I) by striking “widow’s insur-  
11 ance” each place such term appears  
12 and inserting “surviving spouse’s in-  
13 surance”;

14 (II) by striking “surviving di-  
15 vorced wife” each place such term ap-  
16 pears and inserting “surviving di-  
17 vorced spouse”; and

18 (III) by striking “widow” each  
19 place such term appears and inserting  
20 “surviving spouse”;  
21 (iv) in paragraph (3)—

22 (I) by striking “widow” each  
23 place such term appears and inserting  
24 “surviving spouse”;

1 (II) by striking “surviving di-  
2 vorced wife” each place such term ap-  
3 pears and inserting “surviving di-  
4 vorced spouse”; and

5 (III) by inserting “he or” before  
6 “she”;

7 (v) in paragraph (4)—

8 (I) by inserting before “her”  
9 each place such term appears the fol-  
10 lowing: “his or”;

11 (II) by inserting before “she”  
12 each place such term appears the fol-  
13 lowing “he or”;

14 (III) by striking “widow or sur-  
15 viving divorced wife” and inserting  
16 “surviving spouse or surviving di-  
17 vorced spouse”; and

18 (IV) in subparagraph (B), by in-  
19 serting “or father’s” before “insur-  
20 ance”;

21 (vi) in paragraph (5)—

22 (I) by striking “widow or sur-  
23 viving divorced wife” each place such  
24 term appears and inserting “surviving

1 spouse or surviving divorced spouse”;

2 and

3 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

4 (aa) in clause (i), by insert-  
5 ing “he or” before “she”; and

6 (bb) in clause (ii)(I), by in-  
7 serting “his or” before “her”;

8 and

9 (vii) in the matter following para-  
10 graph (7)(B), by striking “she” and insert-  
11 ing “such individual”;

12 (D) by striking subsection (f);

13 (E) in the matter following subsection  
14 (i)(2), by striking “wife’s or husband’s” and in-  
15 serting “spouse’s”;

16 (F) in subsection (j)(4)(B)(i)—

17 (i) by striking “widow, surviving di-  
18 vorced wife or widower” and inserting  
19 “surviving spouse or surviving divorced  
20 spouse”;

21 (ii) by striking “widow or widower”  
22 and inserting “surviving spouse”; and

23 (iii) by striking “surviving divorced  
24 wife” and inserting “surviving divorced  
25 spouse”;



- 1 (G) in subsection (q)—
- 2 (i) in paragraph (1)—
- 3 (I) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
4 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
5 “spouse’s, or surviving spouse’s”; and
- 6 (II) in subparagraph (A)—
- 7 (aa) by striking “wife’s or  
8 husband’s” and inserting  
9 “spouse’s”; and
- 10 (bb) by striking “widow’s or  
11 widower’s” and inserting “sur-  
12 viving spouse’s”;
- 13 (ii) in paragraph (3)—
- 14 (I) in subparagraph (A)—
- 15 (aa) by striking “wife’s, hus-  
16 band’s, widow’s, or widower’s”  
17 and inserting “spouse’s or sur-  
18 viving spouse’s”;
- 19 (bb) by striking “wife’s or  
20 husband’s” and inserting  
21 “spouse’s”; and
- 22 (cc) by striking “widow’s or  
23 widower’s” and inserting “sur-  
24 viving spouse’s”;

1 (II) in the matter following sub-  
2 paragraph (A)(ii), by striking “wife’s,  
3 husband’s, widow’s, or widower’s” and  
4 inserting “spouse’s or surviving  
5 spouse’s”;

6 (III) in subparagraph (B), by  
7 striking “wife’s or husband’s” each  
8 place such term appears and inserting  
9 “spouse’s”;

10 (IV) in subparagraph (C), by  
11 striking “wife’s, husband’s, widow’s,  
12 or widower’s” each place such term  
13 appears and inserting “spouse’s or  
14 surviving spouse’s”;

15 (V) in subparagraph (D), by  
16 striking “wife’s, husband’s, widow’s,  
17 or widower’s” and inserting “spouse’s  
18 or surviving spouse’s”; and

19 (VI) in subparagraph (E), by  
20 striking “widow’s or widower’s” each  
21 place such term appears and inserting  
22 “surviving spouse”;

23 (iii) in paragraph (5)—

1 (I) by striking “wife’s or hus-  
2 band’s” each place such word appears  
3 and inserting “spouse’s”; and

4 (II) in subparagraph (D), by  
5 striking “widow’s or widower’s” and  
6 inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

7 (iv) in paragraph (6)—

8 (I) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
9 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
10 “spouse’s, or surviving spouse’s”; and

11 (II) in subparagraph (A)—

12 (aa) in clause (ii), by strik-  
13 ing “wife’s or husband’s” and in-  
14 serting “spouse’s”; and

15 (bb) in clause (iii), by strik-  
16 ing “widow’s or widower’s” and  
17 inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

18 (v) in paragraph (7)—

19 (I) by striking “wife’s, husband’s,  
20 widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
21 “spouse’s, or surviving spouse’s”;

22 (II) by striking “wife’s or hus-  
23 band’s” each place such term appears  
24 and inserting “spouse’s”; and

1 (III) as amended by subclause  
2 (I), by striking “widow’s or wid-  
3 ower’s” each place such term appears  
4 and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;  
5 (vi) in paragraph (9)—

6 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
7 ing “old-age insurance benefits, wife’s  
8 insurance benefits, and husband’s in-  
9 surance benefits” and inserting “old-  
10 age insurance benefits and spouse’s  
11 insurance benefits”; and

12 (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
13 striking “widow’s insurance benefits  
14 and widower’s insurance benefits” and  
15 inserting “surviving spouse’s insur-  
16 ance benefits”; and

17 (vii) in paragraph (10)—

18 (I) in subparagraph (A), by strik-  
19 ing “old-age, wife’s, and husband’s”  
20 and inserting “old-age and spouse’s”;  
21 and

22 (II) by striking “widow’s and  
23 widower’s” each place such term ap-  
24 pears and inserting “surviving  
25 spouse’s”;

1 (H) in subsection (r)—

2 (i) in the heading, by striking “Wife’s  
3 or Husband’s” and inserting “Spouse’s”;

4 (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking  
5 “wife’s or husband’s” each place such term  
6 appears and inserting “spouse’s”; and

7 (iii) in paragraph (2), by striking  
8 “wife’s or husband’s” and inserting  
9 “spouse’s”; and

10 (I) in subsection (t)(11)(B), by striking “a  
11 wife, a husband, a widow, a widower, a divorced  
12 wife, a divorced husband, a surviving divorced  
13 wife, a surviving divorced husband” and insert-  
14 ing “a spouse, a surviving spouse, a surviving  
15 divorced spouse”;

16 (2) in section 203—

17 (A) in subsection (c)—

18 (i) in paragraph (2)—

19 (I) by striking “wife or husband”  
20 and inserting “spouse”; and

21 (II) by striking “wife’s or hus-  
22 band’s” each place such term appears  
23 and inserting “spouse’s”;

1 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
2 “widow or widower” and inserting “sur-  
3 viving divorced spouse”; and

4 (iii) in the matter following subpara-  
5 graph (4)—

6 (I) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
7 ower’s” and inserting “surviving  
8 spouse’s”; and

9 (II) by striking “widow, surviving  
10 divorced wife, widower, or surviving  
11 divorced husband” and inserting “sur-  
12 viving spouse or surviving divorced  
13 spouse”;

14 (B) in subsection (d)—

15 (i) by striking “wife’s, husband’s, or  
16 child’s” each place such term appears and  
17 inserting “spouse’s or child’s”; and

18 (ii) by striking “wife, divorced wife,  
19 husband, divorced husband” and inserting  
20 “spouse or divorced spouse”; and

21 (C) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “wid-  
22 ow’s or widower’s” and inserting “surviving  
23 spouse’s”;

24 (3) in section 205—

25 (A) in subsection (b)—

1 (i) in paragraph (1), by striking  
2 “wife, divorced wife, widow, surviving di-  
3 vorced wife, surviving divorced mother,  
4 surviving divorced father, husband, di-  
5 vorced husband, widower, surviving di-  
6 vorced husband” and inserting “spouse, di-  
7 vorced spouse, surviving spouse, surviving  
8 divorced spouse, surviving mother, sur-  
9 viving father”; and

10 (ii) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking  
11 “child’s, widow’s, or widower’s” and insert-  
12 ing “child’s or surviving spouse’s”;

13 (B) in subsection (c)(1)(C), by striking  
14 “spouse, surviving divorced wife, surviving di-  
15 vorced husband” and inserting “spouse, sur-  
16 viving divorced spouse”;

17 (C) in subsection (i), by striking “wife or  
18 husband” and inserting “spouse”;

19 (D) in subsection (j)(8), by striking  
20 “child’s, widow’s, or widower’s” and inserting  
21 “child’s or surviving spouse’s”; and

22 (E) in subsection (q)(5)—

23 (i) by striking “wife, husband or  
24 child” and inserting “spouse or child”; and

1 (ii) by striking “widow or widower”  
2 and inserting “surviving spouse”;

3 (4) in section 215(h)—

4 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “him, his  
5 wife, and his children, or, if he has died, to his  
6 widow and children” and inserting “him, his  
7 spouse, and his children, or, if he has died, to  
8 his surviving spouse and children”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) by striking “himself, his wife, and  
11 his children” and inserting “himself, his  
12 spouse, and his children”; and

13 (ii) by striking “his widow, if any”  
14 and inserting “his surviving spouse, if  
15 any”;

16 (5) in section 216—

17 (A) in subsection (a), by adding at the end  
18 the following new paragraph:

19 “(3) The term ‘surviving divorced spouse’  
20 means a surviving divorced wife or a surviving di-  
21 vorced husband.”;

22 (B) in subsection (d), by adding at the end  
23 the following new paragraph:

24 “(9) The term ‘divorced spouse’ means a di-  
25 vorced wife or a divorced husband.”; and



1 (C) in subsection (l)(2)—

2 (i) by striking “old-age, wife’s, or hus-  
3 band’s” and inserting “old-age or  
4 spouse’s”; and

5 (ii) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
6 ower’s” and inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

7 (6) in section 222—

8 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by striking  
9 “202(d), 202(e), or 202(f)” and inserting  
10 “202(d), or 202(e)”; and

11 (B) in subsection (d)(1)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
13 “widow’s” and inserting “surviving  
14 spouse’s”; and

15 (ii) by striking subparagraph (D);

16 (7) in section 225(a), by striking “or that a  
17 widow or surviving divorced wife who has not at-  
18 tained age 60 and is entitled to benefits under sec-  
19 tion 202(e), or that a widower or surviving divorced  
20 husband who has not attained age 60 and is entitled  
21 to benefits under section 202(f)” and inserting “or  
22 that a surviving spouse or surviving divorced spouse  
23 who has not attained age 60 and is entitled to bene-  
24 fits under section 202(e)”;

25 (8) in section 226—

1 (A) in subsection (b)(2)(A)(iii), by striking  
2 “widow’s insurance benefits under section  
3 202(e) or widower’s insurance benefits under  
4 section 202(f)” and inserting “surviving  
5 spouse’s insurance benefits under section  
6 202(e)”;

7 (B) in the matter following subsection  
8 (b)(2)(C)(ii)(II), by striking “in the last sen-  
9 tence of section 202(e)(1), and in the last sen-  
10 tence of section 202(f)(1)” and inserting “and  
11 in the last sentence of section 202(e)(1)”; and

12 (C) in subsection (e)—

13 (i) in paragraph (1)—

14 (I) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (aa) by striking “widows  
16 and widowers” and inserting  
17 “surviving spouses”;

18 (bb) in clause (i), by striking  
19 “sections 202(e)(1)(B)(ii),  
20 202(e)(4), 202(f)(1)(B)(ii), and  
21 202(f)(4)” and inserting “sec-  
22 tions 202(e)(1)(B)(ii) and  
23 202(e)(4)”; and

24 (cc) in clause (ii), by strik-  
25 ing “and the phrase ‘before he

1           attained age 60' in the matter  
2           following subparagraph (F) of  
3           section 202(f)(1) shall each” and  
4           inserting “shall”; and

5           (II) in subparagraph (B), by  
6           striking “widow’s or widower’s” and  
7           inserting “surviving spouse’s”;

8           (ii) in paragraph (2)—

9           (I) by striking “widow’s insur-  
10          ance benefits or widower’s insurance  
11          benefits” each place such term ap-  
12          pears and inserting “surviving  
13          spouse’s insurance benefits”; and

14          (II) by striking “widow’s or wid-  
15          ower’s” and inserting “surviving  
16          spouse’s”;

17          (iii) in paragraph (3)—

18          (I) by striking “any disabled  
19          widow aged 50 or older who is entitled  
20          to mother’s insurance benefits (and  
21          who would have been entitled to wid-  
22          ow’s insurance benefits by reason of  
23          disability if she had filed for such wid-  
24          ow’s benefits), and any disabled wid-  
25          ower aged 50 or older who is entitled

1 to father’s insurance benefits (and  
2 who would have been entitled to wid-  
3 ower’s insurance benefits by reason of  
4 disability if he had filed for such wid-  
5 ower’s benefits)” and inserting “any  
6 disabled surviving spouse aged 50 or  
7 older who is entitled to mother’s or fa-  
8 ther’s insurance benefits (and who  
9 would have been entitled to surviving  
10 spouse’s insurance benefits by reason  
11 of disability if he or she had filed for  
12 such surviving spouse’s benefits)”;  
13 and

14 (II) by striking “such widow’s or  
15 widower’s” and inserting “such sur-  
16 viving spouse’s”; and

17 (iv) in paragraph (4), by striking  
18 “widow’s or widower’s insurance benefits  
19 under section 202(e) or (f)” and inserting  
20 “surviving spouse’s benefits under section  
21 202(e)”;

22 (9) in section 227—

23 (A) by striking “section 202(e) or section  
24 202(f)” each place such term appears and in-  
25 serting “section 202(e)”;

1 (B) by striking “section 202(b) or section  
2 202(c)” each place such term appears and in-  
3 serting “section 202(b)”;

4 (10) in section 228—

5 (A) in subsection (c)—

6 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “hus-  
7 band and wife” and inserting “married  
8 couple”;

9 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking  
10 “husband or wife” and inserting “married  
11 couple”;

12 (iii) in paragraph (6), by striking  
13 “husband and wife both of whom” and in-  
14 serting “married couple of which both  
15 spouses”; and

16 (iv) in paragraph (8), by striking “of  
17 a husband and wife” and inserting “of a  
18 married couple”; and

19 (B) in subsection (d), by striking “husband  
20 or wife” each place such term appears and in-  
21 serting “spouse”;

22 (11) in section 1107, by striking “wife, hus-  
23 band, widow, widower, divorced wife, divorced hus-  
24 band, surviving divorced wife, surviving divorced  
25 husband” each place such term appears and insert-

1 ing “spouse, surviving spouse, divorced spouse, sur-  
2 viving divorced spouse”;

3 (12) in section 1128(j)(1)(A), by striking “hus-  
4 band or wife” and inserting “spouse”;

5 (13) in section 1611(e)(3)—

6 (A) by striking “husband and wife are”  
7 and inserting “married couple is”; and

8 (B) as amended by subparagraph (A), by  
9 striking “husband and wife” each place such  
10 term appears and inserting “married couple”;

11 (14) in subsection 1614(b)—

12 (A) by striking “husband or wife” and in-  
13 serting “spouse”; and

14 (B) by striking “husband and wife” and  
15 inserting “a married couple”; and

16 (15) in section 1631(b)(1)(A)(i), by striking  
17 “husband or wife” and inserting “spouse”.

18 (w) TITLE 1.—Section 7 of title 1, United States  
19 Code, is amended by striking “one man and one woman  
20 as husband and wife, and the word ‘spouse’ refers only  
21 to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife”  
22 and inserting “two people as spouses”.

23 (x) TITLE 5.—Title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
24 ed—

25 (1) in section 2108(3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking “wife  
2 or husband” and inserting “spouse”;

3 (B) by amending subparagraph (F) to read  
4 as follows:

5 “(F) the parent of an individual who lost  
6 his life under honorable conditions while serving  
7 in the armed forces during a period named by  
8 paragraph (1)(A) of this section;”; and

9 (C) by amending subparagraph (G) to read  
10 as follows:

11 “(G) the parent of a service-connected per-  
12 manently and totally disabled veteran; and”;

13 (2) in section 3110(a)(3), by striking “husband,  
14 wife” and inserting “spouse”;

15 (3) in section 5561(3)(A), by striking “wife”  
16 and inserting “spouse”;

17 (4) in section 8110(a)—

18 (A) in paragraph (1)—

19 (i) in the matter before subparagraph  
20 (A), by striking “wife” and inserting  
21 “spouse”;

22 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
23 “she” and inserting “the spouse”;

24 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

- 1 (I) by striking “she” and insert-  
2 ing “the spouse”; and
- 3 (II) by striking “her” and insert-  
4 ing “the spouse’s”; and
- 5 (iv) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
6 “her” and inserting “the spouse’s”;
- 7 (B) by striking paragraph (2);
- 8 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and  
9 (4) as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and
- 10 (D) as amended by subparagraph (C), in  
11 the matter following paragraph (3), by striking  
12 “paragraph (3)” and inserting “paragraph  
13 (2)”;
- 14 (5) in section 8133, in the matter following  
15 subsection (b)(3), by striking “husband or wife” and  
16 inserting “spouse”; and
- 17 (6) in the matter following section  
18 8443(b)(3)(E), by striking “wife or husband” each  
19 place such term appears and inserting “spouse”.
- 20 (y) TITLE 10.—Section 701(j)(1) of title 10, United  
21 States Code, is amended by striking “wife” and inserting  
22 “spouse”.
- 23 (z) TITLE 11.—Section 522(b)(1) of title 11, United  
24 States Code, is amended by striking “husband and wife”  
25 and inserting “married to one another”.



1 (aa) TITLE 18.—Section 879(b)(1)(A) of title 18,  
2 United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by striking “wife” and inserting “spouse”;

4 (2) by inserting after “during his” the fol-  
5 lowing: “or her”;

6 (3) by striking “widow” and inserting “sur-  
7 viving spouse”; and

8 (4) by inserting before “her death” the fol-  
9 lowing: “his or”.

10 (bb) TITLE 28.—Section 3014(a) of title 28, United  
11 States Code, is amended by striking “husband and wife”  
12 and inserting “married to one another”.

13 (cc) TITLE 38.—Section 101 of title 38, United  
14 States Code, is amended by striking “of the opposite sex”  
15 each place such term appears.

16 (dd) TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.—Section 31  
17 of the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 31)  
18 is amended by striking “wife” and inserting “spouse”.

19 (ee) WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT OF 1998.—Sec-  
20 tion 101(15) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29  
21 U.S.C. 2801(15)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “husband,  
23 wife,” and inserting “married couple”; and

24 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “husband  
25 and wife” and inserting “married couple”.