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To replace references to “wives” and “husbands” in Federal law with
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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—

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

(iii) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking
“former wife or husband” and inserting
“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

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—

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

(B) by striking "widow," and inserting "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

(B) in paragraph (13), by striking “surviving wife or husband of a participant or annuitant who was married to the” and inserting “person who was married to a”;

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

(C) in subsection (c), by striking “former wife or husband” each place such term occurs 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”;

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”.

(p) INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.—The Internal Revenue 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";

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”;

(20) in the heading of section 2040(b), by striking “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”;

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

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”;

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”;

(29) in section 6096(a), by striking “husband 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”;

(34) in section 7701(a), by amending paragraph (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—

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 (j) 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

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); and

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”; and

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

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

(II) by striking “widow or widower” and inserting “surviving spouse”;

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

(iv) in paragraph (4)—

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

(II) by striking “or (c)”;

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

(IV) by striking “202(d)(7)(e)(i)” and inserting “202(d)(7)(C)(i)”;

(C) in subsection (e)(5), by striking “divorced 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)—

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-

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 vorced 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 serting “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

(II) by striking “widow or widow” each place such term appears 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 (V) in subparagraph (F), by in-
2 serting 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";

(II) by inserting before "she" each place such term appears the following "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-

8 and

9 (vii) in the matter following para-

graph (7)(B), by striking “she” and insert-

II ing “such individual”;

12 (D) by striking subsection (f);

13 (E) in the matter following subsection

14 (1)(2), by striking "wife's or husband's" and in-

15 serting ‘‘spouse’s’’;

16 (F) in subsection (j)(4)(B)(i)—

1/ (i) by striking "widow, surviving" di-

19 *survivin*

20 spouse ;

21 (ii) by striking widow or wife

22 and inserting "surviving spouse"; and

23 (iii) by striking surviving divorced

24 while a

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”;

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

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

(I) by striking “widow’s or widow’s” and inserting “surviving 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)—

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:

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—

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);

25 (8) in section 226—

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 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)"; and

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”;

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:

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”;

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”.