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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase certain Federal amounts payable under Medicaid for certain States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL (for himself, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TONKO, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MENG, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. CROWLEY, and Mrs. LOWEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Empire State Equity
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING CERTAIN FEDERAL AMOUNTS PAY-**
2 **ABLE UNDER MEDICAID FOR CERTAIN**
3 **STATES.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN FFP FOR CERTAIN STATES.—Sec-
5 tion 1903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b)
6 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(aa) INCREASE IN FFP FOR CERTAIN STATES.—
9 Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this section, in
10 the case of a State that has a DSH allotment under sec-
11 tion 1923(f) for fiscal year 2016 that was more than 6
12 times the national average of such allotments for all the
13 States for such fiscal year, in determining the amount that
14 is payable to the State for expenditures in a quarter in
15 a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2018) under sub-
16 section (a)(1), the amount of such expenditures shall be
17 increased by $\frac{1}{4}$ of such amount that would result in an
18 increase in the amount so payable to such State in such
19 fiscal year by not less than \$2,300,000,000.”.

20 (b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of
21 the Congress that the amendment made by subsection (a)
22 should result in all political subdivisions of affected States
23 providing property tax relief for the citizens of such polit-
24 ical subdivisions.

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