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# H. R. 997

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2025

Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Taxpayer Ad-  
5 vocate Enhancement Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY OF TAXPAYER ADVOCATE TO APPOINT**  
2 **COUNSEL.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7803(c)(2)(D)(i) of the  
4 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking  
5 “and” at the end of subclause (I), by redesignating sub-  
6 clause (II) as subclause (III), and by inserting after sub-  
7 clause (I) the following new subclause:

8 “(II) appoint counsel in the Of-  
9 fice of the Taxpayer Advocate to re-  
10 port directly to the National Taxpayer  
11 Advocate, or delegate thereof; and”.

12 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section  
13 7803(c)(2)(D)(i)(III) of such Code, as redesignated by  
14 subsection (a), is amended by striking “any employee of  
15 any local office of a taxpayer advocate described in sub-  
16 clause (I)” and inserting “any employee of the Office of  
17 the Taxpayer Advocate”.

18 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
19 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
20 ment of section 1102 of the Internal Revenue Service Re-  
21 structuring and Reform Act of 1998.

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