

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Taxpayer Advocate
3 Enhancement Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COUNSEL IN THE OFFICE OF THE TAXPAYER ADVOCATE.**
5 **CATE.**

6 Section 7803(c)(2)(D)(i) of the Internal Revenue
7 Code of 1986 is amended—

8 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “and” at the
9 end,

10 (2) in subclause (II), by striking the period at
11 the end and inserting “; and”, and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(III) appoint counsel in the Of-
14 fice of the Taxpayer Advocate to re-
15 port directly to the National Taxpayer
16 Advocate.”.