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H. R. 7015

To provide financial stability to the United States Postal Service during the coronavirus pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2020

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself, Mr. KING of New York, and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Postal Preservation
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPROPRIATIONS FOR POSTAL SERVICE IN RE-**
2 **SPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is appropriated, out of any
4 money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the
5 fiscal year ending September 30, 2020—

6 (1) for an additional payment for “United
7 States Postal Service—Payment to the Postal Serv-
8 ice Fund”, \$25,000,000,000, to remain available
9 until September 30, 2022, to the Postal Service
10 Fund for revenue forgone due to coronavirus; and

11 (2) for an additional amount for “United States
12 Postal Service—Office of Inspector General—Sala-
13 ries and Expenses”, \$15,000,000, to remain avail-
14 able until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and re-
15 spond to coronavirus, domestically or internationally.

16 (b) EMERGENCY DESIGNATION.—The amounts ap-
17 propriated by subsection (a) are designated by the Con-
18 gress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to
19 section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and
20 Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and shall be avail-
21 able only if the President subsequently so designates all
22 such amounts and transmits such designations to the Con-
23 gress.

1 **SEC. 3. USPS SERVICES AND OVERSIGHT DURING**
2 **CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.**

3 (a) **PRIORITIZATION OF SERVICES.**—During the
4 coronavirus pandemic, the United States Postal Service
5 shall prioritize the purchase of, and make available to all
6 Postal Service employees and facilities, personal protective
7 equipment, including gloves, masks, and sanitizers, and
8 shall conduct additional cleaning and sanitizing of Postal
9 Service facilities and delivery vehicles.

10 (b) **OVERSIGHT.**—The Inspector General of the
11 United States Postal Service shall—

12 (1) conduct oversight, audits, and investigations
13 of projects and activities carried out with funds pro-
14 vided in this Act to the United States Postal Serv-
15 ice; and

16 (2) not less than 90 days after the Postal Serv-
17 ice commences use of funding provided by this Act,
18 and annually thereafter, initiate an audit of the
19 Postal Service’s use of appropriations provided by
20 this Act, including the use of funds to cover lost rev-
21 enues, costs due to COVID–19, and expenditures,
22 and submit a copy of such audit to the Committee
23 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
24 the Senate, the Committee on Oversight and Reform
25 of the House of Representatives, and the Commit-

- 1 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representa-
- 2 tives and the Senate.

