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To allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for diabetes research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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 “Stamp Out Diabetes
5 Act of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS FOR DIABETES RE-**
2 **SEARCH.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
5 ing:

6 **“§ 415. Special postage stamps for diabetes research**

7 “(a) In order to afford the public a convenient way
8 to contribute to funding for diabetes research, the Postal
9 Service shall establish a special rate of postage for first-
10 class mail under this section.

11 “(b) The rate of postage established under this sec-
12 tion—

13 “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate
14 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25
15 percent;

16 “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-
17 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by
18 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under
19 chapter 36); and

20 “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the
21 regular first-class rate of postage.

22 The use of the special rate of postage established under
23 this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal pa-
24 trons.

25 “(c)(1) Amounts becoming available for diabetes re-
26 search pursuant to this section shall be paid to the Na-

1 tional Institutes of Health. Payments to the National In-
2 stitutes of Health under this section shall be made under
3 such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual
4 agreement with that agency establish in order to carry out
5 the purposes of this section, except that, under those ar-
6 rangements, payments to such agency shall be made at
7 least twice a year.

8 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts
9 becoming available for diabetes research pursuant to this
10 section’ means—

11 “(A) the total amounts received by the Postal
12 Service that it would not have received but for the
13 enactment of this section, reduced by

14 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable
15 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out
16 this section, including those attributable to the
17 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this
18 section,

19 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
20 it shall prescribe.

21 “(d) It is the sense of the Congress that nothing in
22 this section should—

23 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
24 in total funds received by the National Institutes of
25 Health (or any component or program thereof)

1 below the level that would otherwise have been re-
2 ceived but for the enactment of this section; or

3 “(2) affect regular first-class rates of postage
4 or any other regular rates of postage.

5 “(e) Special postage stamps under this section shall
6 be made available to the public beginning on such date
7 as the Postal Service shall by regulation prescribe, but in
8 no event later than 12 months after the date of the enact-
9 ment of this section.

10 “(f) The Postmaster General shall include in each re-
11 port rendered under section 2402 with respect to any pe-
12 riod during any portion of which this section is in effect
13 information concerning the operation of this section, ex-
14 cept that, at a minimum, each shall include—

15 “(1) the total amount described in subsection
16 (c)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service
17 during the period covered by such report; and

18 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how
19 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-
20 quired for the purposes described in subsection
21 (c)(2)(B).

22 “(g) This section shall cease to be effective at the
23 end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which
24 special postage stamps under this section are first made
25 available to the public.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The analysis
2 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
3 by striking the item relating to section 414 and inserting
4 the following:

“414. Special postage stamps for breast cancer research.

“415. Special postage stamps for diabetes research.”.

5 (2) The heading for section 414 of title 39, United
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “§ 414. **Special postage stamps for breast cancer re-**
8 **search.**”.

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