

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4581

To ensure the availability of mail collection boxes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To ensure the availability of mail collection boxes.

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 “Post Office Security
5 and Transparency Act of 2020” or the “POST Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MAIL COLLECTION BOXES.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
9 mittees” means—

10 (A) the Committee on Homeland Security
11 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

1 (B) the Committee on Appropriations of
2 the Senate;

3 (C) the Committee on Oversight and Re-
4 form of the House of Representatives; and

5 (D) the Committee on Appropriations of
6 the House of Representatives;

7 (2) the term “collection box” means a recep-
8 tacle where a postal customer can deposit mail, in-
9 cluding—

10 (A) a blue, freestanding unit;

11 (B) a post-mounted unit; and

12 (C) a chute in a building; and

13 (3) the term “Postal Service” means the United
14 States Postal Service.

15 (b) MORATORIUM ON COLLECTION BOX REMOVAL;
16 RESTORATION OF REMOVED BOXES.—

17 (1) MORATORIUM.—The Postal Service may not
18 remove any collection box during the period begin-
19 ning on the date of enactment of this Act and end-
20 ing on the later of—

21 (A) the date that is 180 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act; or

23 (B) the date on which the Postal Service
24 submits the report to Congress under sub-
25 section (c).

1 (2) RESTORATION OF REMOVED COLLECTION
2 BOXES.—Not later than 14 days after the date of
3 enactment of this Act, the Postal Service shall re-
4 store or replace any collection box that the Postal
5 Service removed during the period beginning on
6 June 16, 2020, and ending on the day before the
7 date of enactment of this Act.

8 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—As soon as practicable
9 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Postal Service
10 shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional
11 committees that includes—

12 (1) the metrics used to make decisions on col-
13 lection box removals during fiscal year 2020;

14 (2) the methods used to provide public notice of
15 collection box removals during fiscal year 2020;

16 (3) a cost-benefit analysis of collection box re-
17 movals that occurred during fiscal year 2020;

18 (4) a demographic analysis of the individuals
19 who were most likely to use collection boxes during
20 fiscal year 2020; and

21 (5) with respect to collection boxes that were
22 relocated during fiscal year 2020 to increase public
23 access to collection boxes—

24 (A) the new and old location of each collec-
25 tion box; and

- 1 (B) the reason for each relocation, includ-
- 2 ing density metrics used in determining whether
- 3 and where to relocate the collection box.

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