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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To facilitate the implementation of security measures undertaken by the
United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

To facilitate the implementation of security measures under-
taken by the United States Postal Service, and for other
purposes.

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 “Protect Our Letter
5 Carriers Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of the Congress that—

1 (1) United States Postal Service letter carriers
2 must be protected from acts of violence; and

3 (2) the Attorney General should vigorously
4 prosecute any case of assault against a postal em-
5 ployee.

6 **SEC. 3. FUNDS TO UPGRADE COLLECTION BOXES.**

7 There is authorized to be appropriated
8 \$1,400,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through
9 2029 to the United States Postal Service to carry out, as
10 determined by the United States Postal Service—

11 (1) the installation of high security collection
12 boxes; and

13 (2) the replacement of older versions of the uni-
14 versal mailbox key, also known as the arrow key,
15 with electronic versions.

16 **SEC. 4. COORDINATION OF PROSECUTION OF OFFENSES**
17 **AGAINST THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERV-**
18 **ICE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 542 of title 28, United
20 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(c) The Attorney General shall, in consultation with
23 the United States attorney for the district, appoint in each
24 judicial district an assistant United States attorney with
25 principal responsibility in the district to coordinate and

1 supervise the investigation and prosecution of alleged of-
2 fenses committed—

3 “(1) in violation of chapter 83 of title 18;

4 “(2) in violation of sections 2115, 2116, or
5 2117 of title 18; or

6 “(3) against a carrier or person entrusted with
7 the mail and having custody thereof, in violation of
8 section 111 of title 18.”.

9 (b) DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE.—The Attorney
10 General shall comply with section 542(c) of title 28,
11 United States Code, not later than 1 year after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 5. SENTENCING GUIDELINES WITH RESPECT TO ROB-**
14 **BERY AGAINST A POSTAL EMPLOYEE.**

15 Not later than May 1 following the first year that
16 begins after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
17 United States Sentencing Commission shall amend the
18 sentencing guidelines and policy statements promulgated
19 under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, to pro-
20 vide that the assault or robbery of a postal employee, in-
21 cluding conduct committed during the immediate flight
22 after the commission of such an assault or robbery if the
23 conduct creates a substantial risk of serious bodily injury,
24 shall be treated in the same manner as the assault of a
25 law enforcement officer.