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To amend title 39, United States Code, to allow postal patrons to contribute to funding for prostate cancer research through the voluntary purchase of certain specially issued United States postage stamps.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. HORN, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LOBIONDO, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. DIXON, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. KUYKENDALL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. REYES, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. BORSKI, and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS TO BENEFIT PROS-**
2 **TATE CANCER RESEARCH.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 39, United States Code, is
4 amended by inserting after section 414 the following:

5 **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps for prostate cancer**
6 **research**

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

11 “(b) The rate of postage established under this
12 section—

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.

1 “(c)(1) Of the amounts becoming available for pros-
2 tate cancer research pursuant to this section, the Postal
3 Service shall pay—

4 “(A) 70 percent to the National Institutes of
5 Health; and

6 “(B) the remainder to the Department of De-
7 fense.

8 Payments under this paragraph to an agency shall be
9 made under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall
10 by mutual agreement with such agency establish in order
11 to carry out the purposes of this section, except that,
12 under those arrangements, payments to such agency shall
13 be made at least twice a year.

14 “(2) For purposes of this section, the term ‘amounts
15 becoming available for prostate cancer research pursuant
16 to this section’ means—

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

20 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable
21 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out
22 this section, including those attributable to the
23 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this
24 section,

1 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
2 it shall prescribe.

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

5 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
6 in total funds received by the National Institutes of
7 Health, the Department of Defense, or any other
8 agency of the Government (or any component or
9 program thereof) below the level that would other-
10 wise have been received but for the enactment of
11 this section; or

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

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

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

