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H. R. 5134

To amend title 39, United States Code, to provide that care packages mailed to a member of the Armed Forces by any family member shall be carried at no cost to the family member, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BARRAGÁN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Military Care Package
5 Program Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NO-COST MAILING OF CARE PACKAGES TO MEM-**
2 **BERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 34 of title 39, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3401
5 the following new section:

6 **“§ 3402. Mailing privileges of family members of**
7 **members of the Armed Forces of the**
8 **United States**

9 “(a) A military care package shall be carried at no
10 cost to the sender if the package—

11 “(1) is mailed to an individual who is a member
12 of the Armed Forces deployed in support of a con-
13 tingency operation;

14 “(2) is mailed by a family member of such indi-
15 vidual; and

16 “(3) is addressed to a postal facility located at
17 an Armed Forces installation.

18 “(b) The Department of Defense shall reimburse the
19 Postal Service for carrying out this section consistent, to
20 the greatest extent practicable, with the requirements of
21 the second sentence of subsection (c) and subsection (e)
22 of section 3401.

23 “(c) This section shall be administered under such
24 conditions, and under such regulations, as the Postal Serv-
25 ice and the Secretary of Defense jointly may prescribe.

26 “(d) In this section—

1 “(1) the term ‘contingency operation’ has the
2 meaning given that term in section 101(a)(13) of
3 title 10; and

4 “(2) the term ‘family member’ means a parent,
5 sibling, spouse, or child of an individual who is a
6 member of the Armed Forces.”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
9 relating to section 3401 the following new item:

“3402. Mailing privileges of family members of members of the Armed Forces
of the United States.”.

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