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H. R. 6216

To exempt nonprofit organizations sending humanitarian care packages to members of the Armed Forces stationed overseas from certain tariff and postal reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOULTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To exempt nonprofit organizations sending humanitarian care packages to members of the Armed Forces stationed overseas from certain tariff and postal reporting requirements, 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 “Support Our Troops
5 Shipping Relief Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Nonprofit organizations, such as Operation
2 Troop Support in Danvers, Massachusetts, have
3 shipped millions of care packages to members of the
4 United States Armed Forces deployed overseas, con-
5 taining comfort items, personal supplies, and mes-
6 sages of encouragement.

7 (2) Recent Customs and postal reporting re-
8 quirements—such as the need to list six-digit Har-
9 monized System codes and item-by-item country-of-
10 origin data—were designed for commercial trade,
11 not humanitarian parcels, and have unintentionally
12 restricted the ability of volunteer organizations to
13 send morale-support shipments abroad.

14 (3) These burdens have led to delays, returned
15 packages, and significant cost increases for non-
16 profits relying on donations and volunteers.

17 (4) Congress therefore intends to exempt quali-
18 fied nonprofit troop-support organizations from un-
19 necessary tariff and reporting requirements and to
20 direct relevant agencies to simplify their documenta-
21 tion standards.

22 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to remove
23 unnecessary Customs barriers that hinder the ability of
24 nonprofit organizations to send humanitarian care pack-

1 ages to members of the United States Armed Forces serv-
 2 ing overseas.

3 **SEC. 3. EXEMPTION UNDER THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930 FOR**
 4 **HUMANITARIAN CARE PACKAGES FOR**
 5 **ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL SENT BY QUALI-**
 6 **FIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 The Tariff Act of 1930 is amended by inserting after
 8 section 321 (19 U.S.C. 1321) the following:

9 **“SEC. 321A. EXEMPTION FOR HUMANITARIAN CARE PACK-**
 10 **AGES FOR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL SENT**
 11 **BY QUALIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

12 “(a) EXEMPTION ESTABLISHED.—A shipment that
 13 meets the requirements of this section shall be exempt
 14 from—

15 “(1) any tariff or duty otherwise applicable
 16 under any provision of law; and

17 “(2) any requirement to provide—

18 “(A) individual Harmonized System classi-
 19 fication codes;

20 “(B) country-of-origin declarations; or

21 “(C) commercial invoices.

22 “(b) ELIGIBLE SHIPMENTS.—A shipment shall qual-
 23 ify for the exemption under subsection (a) if—

24 “(1) it originates from a qualified nonprofit or-
 25 ganization;

1 “(2) it is addressed to a military mail address
2 or other destination authorized by the Department
3 of Defense; and

4 “(3) the declared contents are humanitarian
5 care packages as defined in section 3 of the Support
6 Our Troops Shipping Relief Act of 2025.

7 “(c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section
9 may be construed to limit security screening or in-
10 spection authority under any other provision of law.

11 “(2) ADDITIONAL RULE.—To the extent this
12 section is determined to be inconsistent with Uni-
13 versal Postal Union requirements or a Status of
14 Forces Agreement negotiated by the Department of
15 Defense, enforcement of any violation of this section
16 shall be delayed until on or after January 31, 2027.

17 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

18 “(1) the term “Armed Forces” has the meaning
19 given that term in section 101(a)(4) of title 10,
20 United States Code;

21 “(2) the term “humanitarian care package”
22 means a parcel containing donated goods intended
23 solely for the comfort, welfare, or morale of Armed
24 Forces personnel stationed outside the continental
25 United States;

1 “(3) the term “qualified nonprofit organiza-
2 tion” means an organization described in section
3 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and
4 exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that
5 Code that primarily supports United States service
6 members or veterans; and

7 “(4) the term “military mail address” means an
8 Army Post Office (APO), Fleet Post Office (FPO),
9 or Diplomatic Post Office (DPO) address designated
10 by the Department of Defense for receipt of mail by
11 United States Armed Forces personnel abroad.”.

12 **SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION BY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL**
13 **SERVICE AND U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER**
14 **PROTECTION.**

15 (a) DOMESTIC TREATMENT OF MILITARY MAIL.—
16 The United States Postal Service shall treat any shipment
17 that meets the requirements of section 321A of the Tariff
18 Act of 1930, as added by section 4, as domestic mail for
19 all rate, tariff, and customs purposes, regardless of des-
20 tination.

21 (b) JOINT REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Postmaster
23 General and the Secretary of the Treasury (acting through
24 the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protec-

1 tion) shall jointly issue regulations to carry out this sec-
2 tion.

3 (c) SIMPLIFIED MANIFEST REQUIREMENT.—In im-
4 plementing this section, the United States Postal Service
5 and U.S. Customs and Border Protection shall accept sim-
6 plified manifests for any shipments that meets the require-
7 ments of section 321A of the Tariff Act of 1930, as added
8 by section 4, which may list categories of contents (such
9 as “snack foods,” “personal hygiene items,” “letters and
10 cards,” or similar general descriptions) in lieu of indi-
11 vidual Harmonized System codes or country-of-origin in-
12 formation for each item.

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