

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide greater choice to postal customers by establishing a democratic processes for states to enter into a compact with the Postal Service to initiate a program to allow citizens residing in that state to choose to opt out of receiving non-addressed mail.

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To improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

Viz:

1 At the end of title II, add the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . ESTABLISHING A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS TO**
3 **ALLOW STATES TO ENTER INTO COMPACTS**
4 **WITH THE POSTAL SERVICE TO IMPROVE**
5 **POSTAL CUSTOMER CHOICE.**

6 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “eligible
7 State” means a State—

8 (1) that has enacted a law, signed by the Gov-
9 ernor of the State, permitting the State to enter into

1 an agreement with the Postal Service to participate
2 in the program under subsection (b); or

3 (2) in which the citizens of the State have
4 voted, in a referendum under the laws of the State,
5 to enter into an agreement with the Postal Service
6 to participate in the program under subsection (b).

7 (b) PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Postal Service
8 shall establish a program to allow residents of an eligible
9 State to choose not to receive mail that uses alternative
10 addressing, as described in chapter 602.3.0 of the Domes-
11 tic Mail Manual, or any successor thereto.

12 (c) OPTIONAL FEATURES.—The program established
13 under subsection (b) may—

14 (1) allow a person to choose not to receive mail
15 that uses alternative addressing by purchasing a
16 sign or notification to place in the mailbox of the
17 person; and

18 (2) require a person that chooses not to receive
19 mail that uses alternative addressing to pay a fee,
20 in an amount determined by the Commission—

21 (A) for any sign or notification purchased
22 under paragraph (1); or

23 (B) to cover the costs to the Postal Service
24 of administering the program.