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H. R. 10129

To authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to provide postage stamps to indigent inmates.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 20, 2026

Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Stamps for Staying
5 Connected Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF POSTAGE STAMPS BY DIRECTOR OF**
7 **THE BUREAU OF PRISONS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is not
9 later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this
10 Act, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons of the Depart-

1 ment of Justice (hereinafter referred to as the “Director”)
2 shall, to the extent provided in advance in annual appro-
3 priations Acts, provide postage stamps to any inmate who
4 has neither funds nor sufficient postage and who wishes
5 to mail any matter (including any mail pertaining to a
6 legal proceeding and any other mail).

7 (b) RESTRICTIONS.—The Director shall impose such
8 restrictions as the Director may determine appropriate on
9 the provision of postage stamps under subsection (a) to
10 prevent abuse, including the accumulation of stamps for
11 unauthorized exchanges between inmates. Such restric-
12 tions may include the following:

13 (1) The Director may not provide more than 5
14 stamps each week to an inmate, and such stamps
15 may not be collected after the week they are made
16 available. The limitation under this paragraph does
17 not apply in the case of any stamp for mail per-
18 taining to a legal proceeding or an administrative
19 remedy filing.

20 (2) The stamps provided may only be in the de-
21 nomination for first-class, domestic, 1-ounce mailing.

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