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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. BURNS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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. SPECIAL POSTAGE STAMPS TO BENEFIT PROS-**
4 **TATE CANCER RESEARCH.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing:

1 **“§ 414a. Special postage stamps for prostate cancer**
 2 **research**

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

7 “(b) The rate of postage established under this sec-
 8 tion—

9 “(1) shall be equal to the regular first-class rate
 10 of postage, plus a differential of not to exceed 25
 11 percent;

12 “(2) shall be set by the Governors in accord-
 13 ance with such procedures as the Governors shall by
 14 regulation prescribe (in lieu of the procedures under
 15 chapter 36); and

16 “(3) shall be offered as an alternative to the
 17 regular first-class rate of postage.

18 The use of the special rate of postage established under
 19 this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal pa-
 20 trons.

21 “(c)(1) Amounts becoming available for prostate can-
 22 cer research pursuant to this section shall be paid to the
 23 National Institutes of Health. Payments under this para-
 24 graph shall be made under such arrangements as the Post-
 25 al Service shall by mutual agreement with that agency es-
 26 tablish in order to carry out the purposes of this section,

1 except that, under those arrangements, payments to such
2 agency shall be made at least twice a year.

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

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

9 “(B) an amount sufficient to cover reasonable
10 costs incurred by the Postal Service in carrying out
11 this section, including those attributable to the
12 printing, sale, and distribution of stamps under this
13 section,

14 as determined by the Postal Service under regulations that
15 it shall prescribe.

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

18 “(1) directly or indirectly cause a net decrease
19 in total funds received by the National Institutes of
20 Health (or any component or program thereof)
21 below the level that would otherwise have been re-
22 ceived but for the enactment of this section; or

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

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

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

11 “(1) the total amount described in subsection
 12 (c)(2)(A) which was received by the Postal Service
 13 during the period covered by such report; and

14 “(2) of the amount under paragraph (1), how
 15 much (in the aggregate and by category) was re-
 16 quired for the purposes described in subsection
 17 (c)(2)(B).

18 “(g) This section shall cease to be effective at the
 19 end of the 2-year period beginning on the date on which
 20 special postage stamps under this section are first made
 21 available to the public.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) The analysis
 23 for chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
 24 by striking the item relating to section 414 and inserting
 25 the following:

“414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast cancer research.

“414a. Special postage stamps to benefit prostate cancer research.”.

- 1 (2) The heading for section 414 of title 39, United
2 States Code, is amended to read as follows:
3 **“§ 414. Special postage stamps to benefit breast can-**
4 **cer research.”.**

