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To provide for the issuance and sale of a semipostal by the United States Postal Service for research and demonstration projects relating to autism spectrum disorders.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Autism Spectrum Dis-
5 orders Semipostal Stamp Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION.**

7 In this Act, the term “semipostal” has the meaning
8 given that term in section 416 of title 39, United States
9 Code.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS SEMIPOSTAL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to contribute to funding
3 for research and new demonstration projects relating to
4 autism spectrum disorders, the United States Postal Serv-
5 ice shall, for a 5-year period beginning not later than 1
6 year after the date of enactment of this Act, provide for
7 the issuance and sale of a semipostal, in accordance with
8 section 416 of title 39, United States Code.

9 (b) IMAGE.—The images displayed on the semipostal
10 issued under this Act shall be selected by the United
11 States Postal Service from among—

12 (1) the works of artists with autism spectrum
13 disorder; or

14 (2) works chosen in consultation with individ-
15 uals with autism spectrum disorder.

16 (c) DISPOSITION OF AMOUNTS.—Of the amounts be-
17 coming available from the sale of the semipostal under this
18 Act—

19 (1) 50 percent shall be transferred to the Na-
20 tional Institutes of Health for research into autism
21 spectrum disorders; and

22 (2) 50 percent shall be transferred to the Ad-
23 ministration on Developmental Disabilities for new
24 demonstration projects that are projects of national
25 significance described in subparagraph (A) and
26 clauses (i), (ii), and (vi) of subparagraph (D) of sec-

1 tion 161(2) of the Developmental Disabilities Assist-
2 ance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
3 15081(2)) designed to ensure that individuals with
4 autism spectrum disorders have the opportunity to
5 achieve their fullest potential.

6 (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—For each year in which the
7 United States Postal Service transfers amounts under
8 subsection (c), the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
9 ices, acting through the head of each agency of the De-
10 partment of Health and Human Services receiving
11 amounts under this Act, shall submit to Congress and the
12 Comptroller General of the United States a report con-
13 cerning the use of such amounts that includes a descrip-
14 tion of any significant advances or accomplishments dur-
15 ing the year covered by the report that were funded, in
16 whole or in part, with such amounts.

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