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To authorize funding for the purchase of electric or zero-emission vehicles for United States Postal Service fleet, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Postal Vehicle Mod-
5 ernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR UNITED**
2 **STATES POSTAL SERVICE FOR MODERNIZA-**
3 **TION OF POSTAL INFRASTRUCTURE.**

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to the United
5 States Postal Service for the modernization of postal in-
6 frastructure and operations, including through capital ex-
7 penditures to purchase delivery vehicles, processing equip-
8 ment, trailers, and other goods, \$25,000,000,000, to re-
9 main available until expended, of which \$6,000,000,000
10 shall be for the purchase of vehicles. Any amount appro-
11 priated under this section shall be deposited into the Post-
12 al Service Fund established under section 2003 of title 39,
13 United States Code.

14 **SEC. 3. ELECTRIC OR ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLES FOR**
15 **UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE FLEET.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any next generation delivery vehi-
17 cle purchased by the United States Postal Service using
18 the funds appropriated under section 2 shall, to the great-
19 est extent practicable, be an electric or zero-emission vehi-
20 cle, and the Postal Service shall ensure that at least 75
21 percent of the total number of vehicles purchased using
22 such funds shall be electric or zero emission vehicles. In
23 this subsection, the term “next generation delivery vehi-
24 cle” means a vehicle purchased to replace a right-hand-
25 drive, long-life vehicle in use by the Postal Service.

26 (b) MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES.—

1 (1) DATE OF ENACTMENT AND 2030.—Between
2 the period beginning on the date of enactment of
3 this Act and ending on December 31, 2029, not less
4 than 50 percent of the total number of new medium-
5 or heavy-duty vehicles purchased by the Postal Serv-
6 ice during such period shall be electric or zero-emis-
7 sion vehicles.

8 (2) AFTER 2039.—Beginning on January 1,
9 2040, the Postal Service may not purchase any new
10 medium- or heavy-duty vehicle that is not an electric
11 or zero-emission vehicle.

12 (c) COMPLIANCE.—In carrying out subsections (a)
13 and (b), the Postal Service shall comply with chapter 83
14 of title 41, United States Code (popularly known as the
15 Buy American Act), and any applicable Federal labor or
16 civil rights laws.

17 (d) CHARGING STATIONS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1,
19 2026, the Postal Service shall provide, at each postal
20 facility accessible to the public, not less than one
21 electric vehicle charging station for use by the public
22 or officers and employees of the Postal Service.

23 (2) FLEET OPERATION.—The Postal Service
24 shall ensure that adequate charging stations are

1 available at Postal Service facilities to keep the
2 Postal Service fleet operational.

3 (e) PLAN AND UPDATE.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Postmaster
5 General shall submit a plan to carry out this section to
6 the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of
7 Representatives, the Committee on Homeland Security
8 and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Commit-
9 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
10 and the Senate. The Postmaster General shall submit an
11 update and progress report on implementing such plan to
12 such committees not less than once every 2 years begin-
13 ning on the date the plan is submitted under the previous
14 sentence and ending on the day that is 6 years after such
15 date.

16 (f) CONTINGENT ON APPROPRIATION.—The require-
17 ments of subsections (a) through (e) of this section shall
18 not apply unless the funds authorized for vehicles under
19 section 2 are appropriated.

20 (g) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
21 gress that, as the Postal Service replaces or upgrades its
22 fleet of delivery vehicles, the Postal Service should take
23 all reasonable steps to ensure that its vehicles are
24 equipped with climate control units to protect the health
25 and safety of its mail carriers, especially those working

1 in areas of the country that are subject to extreme tem-
2 peratures.

