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S. 5304

To prohibit the closure of postal facilities during the COVID–19 public health emergency.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 20, 2022

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, and Mr. WARNER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit the closure of postal facilities during the COVID–19 public health emergency.

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 “Protect Our Services
5 Today Act of 2022” or the “POST Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MORATORIUM ON POSTAL FACILITY CLOSURES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the COVID–19 public
8 health emergency period, the United States Postal Service
9 may not close any facility of the Postal Service.

1 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
2 term “COVID–19 public health emergency period”—

3 (1) means the period of the public health emer-
4 gency declared by the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services under section 319 of the Public
6 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) with respect to
7 COVID–19, including any renewal of that declara-
8 tion; and

9 (2) includes any part of the period described in
10 paragraph (1) that occurred before the date of en-
11 actment of this Act.

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