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**H. R. 1454**

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Reported by Mr. LIEBERMAN, with an amendment

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**AN ACT**

To provide for the issuance of a Multinational Species  
Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp.

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 “Multinational Species  
5 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS**  
2 **SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In order to afford a convenient  
4 way for members of the public to contribute to funding  
5 for the operations supported by the Multinational Species  
6 Conservation Funds, the United States Postal Service  
7 shall issue a semipostal stamp (hereinafter in this Act re-  
8 ferred to as the “Multinational Species Conservation  
9 Funds Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with succeeding  
10 provisions of this section.

11 (b) **COST.**—The Multinational Species Conservation  
12 Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be offered at a cost equal  
13 to the cost of mailing a letter weighing 1 ounce or less  
14 at the nonautomation single-piece first-ounce letter rate,  
15 in effect at the time of purchase, plus a differential of  
16 not less than 25 percent.

17 (c) **OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—The issuance  
18 and sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds  
19 Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of  
20 section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regula-  
21 tions issued under such section, subject to subsection (b)  
22 and the following:

23 (1) **DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.**—

24 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—All amounts becoming  
25 available from the sale of the Multinational  
26 Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp

1 (as determined under section 416(d) of such  
2 title 39) shall be transferred to the United  
3 States Fish and Wildlife Service, for the pur-  
4 pose described in subsection (a), through pay-  
5 ments which shall be made at least twice a  
6 year, with the proceeds to be divided equally  
7 among the African Elephant Conservation  
8 Fund, the Asian Elephant Conservation Fund,  
9 the Great Ape Conservation Fund, the Marine  
10 Turtle Conservation Fund, the Rhinoceros and  
11 Tiger Conservation Fund, and other inter-  
12 national wildlife conservation funds authorized  
13 by the Congress after the date of the enactment  
14 of this Act and administered by the Service as  
15 part of the Multinational Species Conservation  
16 Fund.

17 (B) PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.—In  
18 accordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title  
19 39, amounts becoming available from the sale  
20 of the Multinational Species Conservation  
21 Funds Semipostal Stamp (as so determined)  
22 shall not be taken into account in any decision  
23 relating to the level of appropriations or other  
24 Federal funding to be furnished in any year  
25 to—

1 (i) the United States Fish and Wild-  
2 life Service; or

3 (ii) any of the funds identified in sub-  
4 paragraph (A).

5 (2) DURATION.—The Multinational Species  
6 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be  
7 made available to the public for a period of at least  
8 5 years, beginning no later than 12 months after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act.

10 (3) STAMP DEPICTIONS.—Stamps issued under  
11 this Act shall depict images of flagship multinational  
12 species, such as African and Asian elephants, rhinoc-  
13 eros and tigers, marine turtles, and certain species  
14 of great apes.

15 (4) LIMITATION.—The Multinational Species  
16 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall not be  
17 subject to, or taken into account for purposes of ap-  
18 plying, any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of  
19 such title 39.

20 (5) RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—  
21 Amounts transferred under paragraph (1) shall not  
22 be used to fund or support the Wildlife Without  
23 Borders Program or to supplement funds made  
24 available for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Con-  
25 servation Fund.

1 (d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term  
2 “semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section  
3 416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.

4 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

5 *This Act may be cited as the “Multinational Species  
6 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act of 2010”.*

7 **SEC. 2. MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS  
8 SEMIPOSTAL STAMP.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—*In order to afford a convenient way  
10 for members of the public to contribute to funding for the  
11 operations supported by the Multinational Species Con-  
12 servation Funds, the United States Postal Service shall  
13 issue a semipostal stamp (hereinafter in this Act referred  
14 to as the “Multinational Species Conservation Funds  
15 Semipostal Stamp”) in accordance with succeeding provi-  
16 sions of this section.*

17 (b) COST AND USE.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—*The Multinational Species  
19 Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be of-  
20 fered at a cost equal to the cost of mailing a letter  
21 weighing 1 ounce or less at the nonautomation single-  
22 piece first-ounce letter rate, in effect at the time of  
23 purchase, plus a differential of not less than 15 per-  
24 cent.*

1           (2) *VOLUNTARY USE.*—*The use of any semipostal*  
2           *issued under this section shall be voluntary on the*  
3           *part of postal patrons.*

4           (3) *SPECIAL RATE.*—*The special rate of postage*  
5           *of an individual stamp under this section shall be an*  
6           *amount that is evenly divisible by 5.*

7           (c) *OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The issuance*  
8           *and sale of the Multinational Species Conservation Funds*  
9           *Semipostal Stamp shall be governed by the provisions of*  
10           *section 416 of title 39, United States Code, and regulations*  
11           *issued under such section, subject to subsection (b) and the*  
12           *following:*

13           (1) *DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS.*—

14           (A) *IN GENERAL.*—*All amounts becoming*  
15           *available from the sale of the Multinational Spe-*  
16           *cies Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp (as*  
17           *determined under section 416(d) of such title 39)*  
18           *shall be transferred to the United States Fish*  
19           *and Wildlife Service, for the purpose described in*  
20           *subsection (a), through payments which shall be*  
21           *made at least twice a year, with the proceeds to*  
22           *be divided equally among the African Elephant*  
23           *Conservation Fund, the Asian Elephant Con-*  
24           *servation Fund, the Great Ape Conservation*  
25           *Fund, the Marine Turtle Conservation Fund, the*

1           *Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Fund, and*  
2           *other international wildlife conservation funds*  
3           *authorized by the Congress after the date of the*  
4           *enactment of this Act and administered by the*  
5           *Service as part of the Multinational Species*  
6           *Conservation Fund.*

7                   (B) *PROCEEDS NOT TO BE OFFSET.*—*In ac-*  
8           *cordance with section 416(d)(4) of such title 39,*  
9           *amounts becoming available from the sale of the*  
10          *Multinational Species Conservation Funds*  
11          *Semipostal Stamp (as so determined) shall not*  
12          *be taken into account in any decision relating to*  
13          *the level of appropriations or other Federal fund-*  
14          *ing to be furnished in any year to—*

15                   (i) *the United States Fish and Wildlife*

16                   *Service; or*

17                   (ii) *any of the funds identified in sub-*  
18                   *paragraph (A).*

19                   (2) *DURATION.*—*The Multinational Species Con-*  
20          *servation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall be made*  
21          *available to the public for a period of at least 2 years,*  
22          *beginning no later than 12 months after the date of*  
23          *the enactment of this Act.*

24                   (3) *LIMITATION.*—*The Multinational Species*  
25          *Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp shall not be*

1       *subject to, or taken into account for purposes of ap-*  
2       *plying, any limitation under section 416(e)(1)(C) of*  
3       *such title 39.*

4               (4) *RESTRICTION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Amounts*  
5       *transferred under paragraph (1) shall not be used to*  
6       *fund or support the Wildlife Without Borders Pro-*  
7       *gram or to supplement funds made available for the*  
8       *Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Fund.*

9               (d) *DEFINITION.—For purposes of this Act, the term*  
10       *“semipostal stamp” refers to a stamp described in section*  
11       *416(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code.*





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