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# H. R. 8045

To limit the closure or consolidation of any United States Postal Service processing and distribution center in States, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2024

Ms. HAGEMAN (for herself and Mr. PAPPAS) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## 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 Operations Stay  
5 Timely And Local Act” or the “POSTAL Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATING**  
7 **POSTAL SERVICE PROCESSING AND DIS-**  
8 **TRIBUTION CENTERS IN STATES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Postal Service  
10 may not close, consolidate, downgrade, or take any other

1 similar action with respect to any processing and distribu-  
2 tion center in a State if such action would result in no  
3 such center being located in that State or negatively im-  
4 pact mail delivery.

5 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “processing and distribution cen-  
7 ter” means a central mail facility that—

8 (A) distributes and dispatches part or all  
9 of both incoming mail and outgoing mail for a  
10 designated service area;

11 (B) provides instructions on the prepara-  
12 tion of collection mail, dispatch schedules, and  
13 sorting plan requirements to mailers; and

14 (C) is a sectional center facility, a general  
15 mail facility, or a dedicated mail processing fa-  
16 cility without a station or branch; and

17 (2) the term “State” means the 50 States and  
18 the District of Columbia.

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