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S. 4160

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) 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 “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) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER.—

2 The term “processing and distribution center”
3 means a central mail facility that—

4 (A) distributes and dispatches part or all
5 of both incoming mail and outgoing mail for a
6 designated service area;

7 (B) provides instructions on the prepara-
8 tion of collection mail, dispatch schedules, and
9 sorting plan requirements to mailers; and

10 (C) is a sectional center facility, a general
11 mail facility, or a dedicated mail processing fa-
12 cility without a station or branch.

13 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means a State
14 or the District of Columbia.

15 (b) LIMITATION.—The United States Postal Service
16 may not close, consolidate, downgrade, or take any other
17 similar action with respect to a processing and distribution
18 center in a State if such action would result in there being
19 no processing and distribution center located in that State
20 or would negatively impact mail delivery.

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