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# H. R. 5530

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHWEIKERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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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 Contracting Fi-  
5 nancial Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUED OPERATION OF CONTRACT POSTAL**  
2 **UNITS.**

3 Section 404 of title 39, United States Code, is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(f)(1) If the Postal Service makes a determination  
7 to terminate or not renew a contract postal unit operation  
8 agreement with a covered contractor for a contract postal  
9 unit, the covered contractor may, in the sole discretion of  
10 the covered contractor, elect to have such contract postal  
11 unit operation agreement remain in effect in accordance  
12 with this subsection if—

13 “(A) such determination to terminate or not  
14 renew the contract postal unit operation agreement  
15 is not primarily or entirely based on the covered con-  
16 tractor breaching such contract postal unit operation  
17 agreement;

18 “(B) the Postal Service has not entered into  
19 another contract postal unit operation agreement  
20 with the covered contractor for the contract postal  
21 unit;

22 “(C) the covered contractor submits to the  
23 Postal Service a notice of such election by the cov-  
24 ered contractor; and

25 “(D) the covered contractor agrees to amend  
26 the terms and conditions of the contract postal unit

1 operation agreement in accordance with this sub-  
2 section.

3 “(2)(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B), a  
4 contract postal unit operation agreement that remains in  
5 effect pursuant to an election by a covered contractor  
6 under paragraph (1) shall have the same terms and condi-  
7 tions as the terms and conditions in effect immediately  
8 prior to the date on which, but for such election, the con-  
9 tract postal unit operation agreement would have termi-  
10 nated or ended, and such terms and conditions shall apply  
11 in the same manner as such terms and conditions applied  
12 immediately prior to such date, except that, after such  
13 date, the contract postal unit operation agreement shall—

14 “(i) not obligate the Postal Service to  
15 make any payment to the covered contractor;  
16 and

17 “(ii) remain in effect until—

18 “(I) the Postal Service terminates the  
19 contract postal unit operation agreement  
20 for a breach of the contract postal unit op-  
21 eration agreement by the covered con-  
22 tractor; or

23 “(II) the covered contractor—

24 “(aa) terminates the contract  
25 postal unit operation agreement; or

1                   “(bb) permanently ceases to op-  
2                   erate the contract postal unit with re-  
3                   spect to which the contract postal unit  
4                   operation agreement applies.

5                   “(B)(i) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a  
6                   contract postal unit operation agreement that re-  
7                   mains in effect pursuant to an election by a covered  
8                   contractor under paragraph (1) shall, if determined  
9                   appropriate by the Postmaster General, require the  
10                  Postal Service to make payments to the covered con-  
11                  tractor with respect to the operation of the contract  
12                  postal unit with respect to which the contract postal  
13                  unit operation agreement applies after the date on  
14                  which, but for such election, the contract postal unit  
15                  operation agreement would have terminated or  
16                  ended.

17                  “(ii) The Postmaster General shall determine  
18                  terms and conditions of any payments the Postal  
19                  Service is required to make to a covered contractor  
20                  under a contract postal unit operation agreement  
21                  pursuant to clause (i).

22                  “(3) If a covered contractor makes the election under  
23                  paragraph (1) with respect to a contract postal unit oper-  
24                  ation agreement, the Postal Service shall agree to amend

1 the terms and conditions of the contract postal unit oper-  
2 ation agreement in accordance with this subsection.

3 “(4) In this subsection—

4 “(A) the term ‘contract postal unit’ means a fa-  
5 cility operated by a covered contractor at which the  
6 covered contractor provides retail postal services  
7 under a contract postal unit operation agreement;

8 “(B) the term ‘contract postal unit operation  
9 agreement’ means a contract or other agreement be-  
10 tween the Postal Service and a covered contractor  
11 under which the covered contractor operates a con-  
12 tract postal unit; and

13 “(C) the term ‘covered contractor’ means an in-  
14 dividual or entity operating a contract postal unit  
15 under a contract postal unit operation agreement.”.

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