AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. BURCHETT OF TENNESSEE

Insert after section 209 the following:

SEC. 210. LIMITATION ON CENTRALIZED DELIVERY FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING UNITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VII of chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 3692. Limitation on centralized delivery

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘centralized delivery’ means a primary mode of mail delivery whereby mail receptacles of a number of delivery points are grouped or clustered at a single location;

“(2) the term ‘primary mode of mail delivery’ means the typical method by which the Postal Service delivers letter mail to the delivery point of a postal patron; and

“(3) the term ‘housing development’ means any single-family residential home or townhouse, but does not include any multi-home apartment or condominium building.
“(b) RETROACTIVE CHANGE TO MODE OF DELIVERY PROHIBITED.—For any housing development with respect to which the primary mode of mail delivery is any such mode except for centralized delivery on the date of the enactment of this section, the Postal Service may not change such mode of delivery to centralized delivery.

“(c) APPROVAL REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Postal Service may not require centralized delivery with respect to any housing development constructed after the date of the enactment of this section without prior approval from the local legislative body, or, in the absence of a local legislative body, the legislature of the State with jurisdiction over the affected property.

“(2) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—If approval for centralized delivery is granted under paragraph (1), at least 60 days before commencing such delivery, the local postmaster shall provide—

“(A) written notice to any other units of local government and any planning commissions located within the applicable county; and

“(B) a period of 60 days for public comment from residents, property owners, and home builders within such county regarding the
use of centralized delivery at the applicable
housing development.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
for chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code, is amended
by adding after the item relating to section 3691 the fol-
lowing:

“3692. Limitation on centralized delivery.”.

(c) POSTAL SERVICE POLICIES AFFECTING VULNER-
ABLE COMMUNITIES.—The Postal Regulatory Commis-
sion shall ensure that the United States Postal Service
does not change any Postal Service policy in effect on the
date of the enactment of this Act that would result in a
disproportionate negative affect on rural, lower income, el-
derly, disabled, or predominately minority communities.