AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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At the end of subtitle A of title IV of division B of the bill, add the following:

SEC. ___. OPERATION OF SMALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

STUDY.

(a) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a review of the prevalence of, characteristics of, and safe operation of commercial vehicles that have a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight below 10,000 pounds, and are utilized in package delivery of goods moving in interstate commerce.

(b) Independent research.—If the Secretary decides to enter into a contract with a third party to perform the research required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) solicit applications from research institutions that conduct objective, fact-based research to conduct the study; and

(2) ensure that such third party does not have any financial or contractual ties with an entity en-
gaged in interstate commerce utilizing commercial
vehicles or commercial motor vehicles.

(c) **ENTITIES INCLUDED.**—As part of the review, the
Secretary shall collect information from a cross-section of
companies that use fleets of such vehicles for package de-
delivery in interstate commerce, including companies that—

(1) directly perform deliveries; use contracted
entities to perform work; and

(2) utilize a combination of direct deliveries and
contract entities.

(d) **EVALUATION FACTORS.**—The review shall include
an evaluation of the following:

(1) Fleet characteristics, including fleet struc-
ture, and vehicle miles traveled.

(2) Fleet management, including scheduling of
deliveries and maintenance practices.

(3) Driver employment characteristics, includ-
ing the basis of compensation and classification.

(4) How training, medical fitness, hours on
duty, and safety of drivers is evaluated and overseen
by companies, including prevention of occupational
injuries and illnesses.

(5) Safety performance metrics, based on data
associated with the included entities, including crash
rates, moving violations, failed inspections, and other related data points.

(6) Financial responsibility and liability for safety or maintenance violations among companies, fleet managers, and drivers.

(7) Loading and unloading practices, and how package placement in the vehicle is determined.

(8) Other relevant information determined necessary by the Secretary in order to make recommendations under subsection (e).

(e) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Upon completion of the review, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce of the Senate a report containing—

(1) the findings of the Secretary on each of the factors in (d);

(2) a list of regulations applicable to commercial motor vehicles and commercial motor vehicle operators that are not applicable to commercial vehicle operations described in this section; and

(3) recommendations, based on the findings, on changes to laws or regulations at the Federal, State, or local level to promote safe operations and safe
and fair working conditions for commercial vehicle operators.