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To amend title 39, United States Code, to require mail-in ballots to use
the Postal Service barcode service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MFUME introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Vote by Mail Tracking
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MAIL-IN BALLOTS AND POSTAL SERVICE BARCODE**

2 **SERVICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 39, United States Code, is
4 amended by inserting after chapter 30 the following new
5 chapter:

6 **“CHAPTER 31—ELECTION MAIL**

“Sec.

“3101. Trackable election mail.

7 **“§ 3101. Trackable election mail**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—No entity of government shall
9 furnish a ballot envelope for the purpose of being carried
10 or delivered by mail unless such envelope—

11 (1) contains a Postal Service barcode (or suc-
12 cessive service or marking) that enables tracking of
13 each individual ballot consistent with parameters
14 that the Postal Service may promulgate by regula-
15 tion;

16 (2) satisfies requirements for ballot envelope
17 design that the Postal Service may promulgate by
18 regulation;

19 (3) satisfies requirements for machineable let-
20 ters that the Postal Service may promulgate by reg-
21 ulation; and

22 (4) includes the Official Election Mail Logo
23 (or any successor label that the Postal Service may
24 establish for ballots).

1 “(b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
2 a Federal write-in absentee ballot under section 103 of
3 the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act
4 (52 U.S.C. 20303).

5 “(c) INFORMATION.—Not later than June 1 of each
6 calendar year, the Postmaster General shall provide, to the
7 entities described in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
8 of subsection (a), the information necessary to comply
9 with the requirements of this subsection, including how
10 to access Postal Service tools to assist in generating the
11 barcode or successive marking required by subsection
12 (a)(1).”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
14 for part IV of title 39, United States Code, is amended
15 by adding after the item relating to chapter 30 the fol-
16 lowing:

“31. Election Mail 3101”.

17 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
18 section (a) shall apply to any election for Federal office
19 occurring in 2026 and any succeeding year.