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To require fair shipping prices for non-contiguous areas of the United States,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2023

Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. SABLAN, and Mr. MOYLAN) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “Fair Shipping for Non-
5 Contiguous Areas Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON HIGHER SHIPPING FEES.**

7 No private shipping service may exceed the shipping
8 charge for the same product to and from a location in
9 the contiguous United States as charged to a consumer

1 product or producer good to the non-contiguous area of
2 the United States.

3 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON EXCLUDING NON-CONTIGUOUS**
4 **AREAS.**

5 No private shipping service may exclude—

6 (1) a non-contiguous area of the United States
7 from its shipping polices; or

8 (2) a non-contiguous area of the United States
9 from shipping to its location.

10 **SEC. 4. EXEMPTIONS.**

11 (a) **USPS EXEMPTED.**—The United States Postal
12 Service shall be exempt from the requirements of this Act.

13 (b) **OTHER EXEMPTIONS.**—Any consumer product or
14 producer good valued at more than \$10,000 shall be ex-
15 empt from the requirements of this Act.

16 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) **NON-CONTIGUOUS AREA.**—The term “non-
19 contiguous area” means any part of the United
20 States not physically connected to the contiguous
21 United States, including Alaska and Hawaii and any
22 territory or possession of the United States.

23 (2) **CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES.**—The term
24 “contiguous United States” shall refer to the 48
25 contiguous States and the District of Columbia.

1 (3) PRIVATE SHIPPING SERVICES.—The term
2 “private shipping services” means shipping services
3 carried out by private companies whose primary
4 business model is the transporting of products for
5 retailers.

6 (4) CONSUMER PRODUCTS.—The term “con-
7 sumer products” means the finished commodities for
8 end-user use that will go directly to the consumer.

9 (5) PRODUCER GOODS.—The term “producer
10 goods” means raw materials used to produce other
11 products.

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