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Providing for a 3-year moratorium on postage rate increases for nonprofit organizations and certain other mailers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. GOODE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. KUCINICH, Ms. LEE, Mr. HILLIARD, and Mr. DEFAZIO) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the increasing consolidation of the media is a threat to the free exchange of ideas, and makes the expression of a wide range of political, social, cultural, educational, scientific, and religious views more difficult;

Whereas small and independent periodicals are, along with the Internet, the most important guarantors of free expression of diverse ideas, views, and opinions; and

Whereas the continuing health of these vitally important small and independent periodicals is at risk each time rates of postage are increased: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That, for the 3-year period beginning on the date on which
4 this resolution is approved, rates of postage under section
5 3626 of title 39, United States Code (relating to reduced
6 rates) shall not be increased for any of the following:

7 (1) Periodical publications having a paid or re-
8 requester circulation per issue of less than 50,000.

9 (2) Any issue of a periodical publication the ad-
10 vertising portion of which is less than 20 percent of
11 such issue.

12 (3) Any publication of a nonprofit organization,
13 as defined by former section 4358 of title 39, United
14 States Code.

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