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The Honorable Patrick Donahoe
Postmaster General of the United States
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 10804
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General:

I am writing regarding the potential closures of post offices in my district, the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

I know firsthand the importance that post office facilities play in our small Kentucky communities. Because of the importance of post offices to rural areas like my District, I was greatly concerned when I read that USPS is looking to study more than 3,600 local branches for possible closing. Post offices are often the only federal facility in our small communities, and they provide a great deal of significance and economic value for the area. While I certainly understand that the Postal Service is facing challenging economic times, it is concerning that the proposed closings would disrupt service in so many communities and in such a harmful way while yielding so little in savings to the Postal Service.

I would appreciate your providing me with specific information regarding the timeline for the study and closure of the designated post offices in my Congressional district. I appreciate your consideration of my strong feelings on this issue and request that you look for ways to preserve our community post office facilities.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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