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Mr. Ivan D. Butts  
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Dear Ivan:

This letter is in further reference to the Postal Service's notice dated November 14, 2022 (enclosed), regarding the plans to expand the deployment of the High Output Package Sorter (HOPS).

As previously informed, the HOPS is designed to support the automated package processing of machinable mail parcels/bundles to output zones based on size, weight, and destination of the parcel.

Below is the tentative schedule for the continued 2023 HOPS machine deployment expansion, by site, and installation date:

| <u>Site Location</u>      | <u>Installation Date</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Charlotte, North Carolina | April 10                 |
| Charlotte, North Carolina | May 8                    |
| Charlotte, North Carolina | May 22                   |
| Charlotte, North Carolina | June 5                   |
| Charlotte, North Carolina | July 10                  |

Please contact Dion Mealy at 202-507-0193, if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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Shannon R. Richardson  
Director  
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Enclosure



November 14, 2022

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Dear Ivan:

As a matter of general interest, the Postal Service intends to expand the deployment of the High Output Package Sorter (HOPS) in 2023.

As previously informed, the HOPS is designed to support the automated package processing of machinable mail parcels/bundles to output zones based on size, weight, and destination of the parcel. The standard configuration is a loop sorter consisting of a merge area, 200 bins (approximately 100 on either side) connected by two bridges, which are high enough to accommodate Power Industrial Vehicles (PIVs) and Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) and other mail handling equipment for use in sweeping the bins internal to the machine, and a key station. The configuration is adjustable, and the number of bins can be expanded to 300 based on operational need and available floor space.

Below is the tentative schedule for the 2023 HOPS machine deployment, by site, and installation date:

| <u>Site Location</u>       | <u>Installation Date</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Springfield, Massachusetts | January 2, 2023          |
| Los Angeles, California    | February 6, 2023         |
| Richmond, Virginia         | March 6, 2023            |
| Richmond, Virginia         | March 20, 2023           |

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