Support the Preservation of First-Class Mail Delivery Standards

Dear Colleague,

The United States Postal Service plans to close 82 mail processing facilities throughout 37 states in January of 2015. These closures will eliminate First Class overnight delivery in areas served by these facilities and slow down mail throughout the nation. Meanwhile, these closures are expected to eliminate up to 15,000 Postal Service jobs. These actions will inflict irrevocable harm upon the mail system, adversely affect commerce, and impair the quality of mail service that our constituents depend on.

In response, we ask you to support our efforts in obtaining a one-year moratorium on the closure of these 82 processing facilities and the preservation of First-Class mail delivery standards while Congress continues to work on comprehensive postal reform.

We aim to insert language into the FY 2015 Continuing Resolution and any potential omnibus mandating that the USPS suspend its processing facility closure plans for one year. Please support this effort by signing the attached letter to Appropriations Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Lowey and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee. This letter has been endorsed by the American Postal Workers Union, the National Association of Letter Carriers, the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, and the National Association of Postal Supervisors.

To sign the letter, please contact Carla DiBlasio with Congressman David Joyce at <u>Carla.DiBlasio@mail.house.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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