

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2201

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The Honorable Patrick Donahoe
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Dear Mr. Donahoe:

It is my understanding the United States Postal Service (USPS) is currently conducting a study that proposes closing the Kingsford Area Mail Processing Center (AMP). This feasibility study is reviewing what, if any, savings can be obtained by transferring the Kingsford AMP service to the Green Bay, WI AMP.

During the recent public comment meeting, several of my constituents raised valid questions and concerns. In particular, staff at the Kingsford AMP and the Green Bay AMP are concerned that the Green Bay AMP lacks capacity to timely process mail from the Kingsford AMP. Closure of the Kingsford AMP is a disservice to the residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, many of whom are elderly, and others who run businesses reliant on a timely (24 hour) mail delivery turn around. I am especially concerned that the loss of approximately 50 jobs in a county with an unemployment rate over 10 percent will be devastating to my district.

I respectfully request a comprehensive audit by the USPS Office of Inspector General be conducted on both the Kingsford AMP and the Green Bay AMP before a decision to close the Kingsford facility is determined. Please take into account the costs of transferring employees more than 90 miles. After both studies are completed, an informed decision could be made on how the area will best be served and save the USPS money.

I thank you in advance for your review of this situation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Katreena Hite at (906) 273-1661 or katreena.hite@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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