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

Dear Mr. Postmaster General:

On behalf of our constituents across Colorado, we write to express concern about potential United States Postal Service (USPS) location closures and consolidations (hereinafter, "retail discontinuance"). As you know, small and remote communities, especially in rural and mountain regions, often depend on the local post office as an accessible representation of the federal government and for their mail service. These Coloradans are understandably worried that retail discontinuance of some of the post offices could negatively affect the vitality of their respective communities and constrain their choices, causing them to embark upon difficult and dangerous winter commutes to distant postal facilities.

Most recently, we have received information about potential retail discontinuances of the following locations: Parlin, Agate, New Raymer, Lewis and Pleasant View. In addition to these locations, we have heard rumors about six more Colorado locations being considered for retail discontinuance.

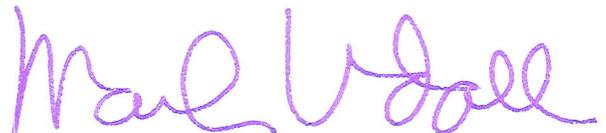
Please provide us with any information that may help us address these concerns. In addition, we request any further explanation of the rationale behind closing post office facilities in regions that have little or no access to other post office facilities.

We applaud the efforts that the USPS is making to cut losses and understand that retail discontinuance is a realistic piece of the efforts necessary to move towards solvency. Thank you in advance for your attention to this issue and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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