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Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe
United States Postal Service
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Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

We, the undersigned individuals, are united in our efforts to keep Western New York's post offices open. As Western New Yorkers who rely on efficient local mail service and who are fighting to grow our economy, we urge you to reverse course and preserve postal service operations in Western New York, specifically at the William Street and Lackawanna Post Offices.

Closing the doors of the William Street Post Office would do significant damage to the Western New York economy. In addition, residents of the city of Lackawanna rely on the convenient access and prompt services provided by the Lackawanna Post Office. If these potential closures were to occur, you would be able to measure the impact in terms of jobs lost and economic opportunities missed.

Western New Yorkers uniquely understand the impact these proposed closures will have on our local economy and quality of life, yet it seems the USPS is not sufficiently considering input from the community. This needs to change. We are pleased a public meeting regarding the proposed closure of the William Street Post Office will be held Wednesday, January 4. Listening to the public will highlight the necessity for the USPS to rethink its plans.

As we in Buffalo and Western New York continue to fight, scrap and claw our way toward economic resurgence, putting hundreds of jobs on the chopping block and reducing local access to quick shipping would be a terrible economic blow. We are a resilient community, but your closure plans will have trickle-down impacts on local families and businesses – which may be difficult to endure.

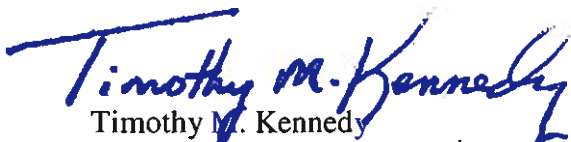
As the second largest city in New York State, Buffalo and the greater Western New York community already have the infrastructure to ensure efficient and cost-effective mail delivery – which continues to be an important aspect to fostering local business growth. We stand opposed

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to the United States Postal Service's plans to close our post offices, diminish economic opportunities and eliminate jobs.

The attached list of individuals are opposed to your closure plans. We urge you to keep Western New York's post offices open.

Sincerely,



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New York State Senator, 58th District
CC: Buffalo Postmaster John Phelan
Rep. Brian Higgins (NY-27)
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