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Mr. Patrick R. Donahoe
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Dear Mr. Donahoe,


I was contacted by Vance DeWitt, Vice President of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO's Mansfield, Ohio Area Local #903. Mr. DeWitt informed me that USPS is currently conducting an Area Mail Processing Study to determine the feasibility of moving mail cancellation and processing operations from the Mansfield Mail Processing Facility to the Processing and Distribution Centers in Cleveland, Ohio and Columbus, Ohio.

According to Mr. DeWitt, more than 60% of the mail that is sent to Mansfield for processing from the zip code areas 448-449 is circulated back within the same area. He is concerned that relocating the mail processing operations to Cleveland, Ohio and Columbus, Ohio will have an adverse effect on the timeliness of the mail service received by my constituents who reside in the 448-449 zip code areas.

While I am well aware of the effects the declining mail volume is having on the U.S. Postal Service, it is important to me that the mail collection and delivery standards on which my constituents depend not be jeopardized in USPS's efforts to streamline their operations. I am respectfully requesting that all sorting, processing, and distribution equipment in the Mansfield Mail Processing Facility remain on site and operational until a final decision has been made.

Please provide a response to my Norwalk office that addresses this matter. I appreciate your assistance and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress

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