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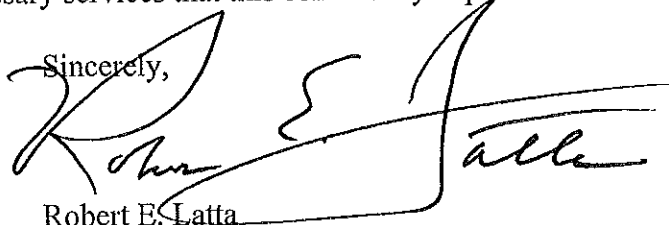
Dear Mr. Hawkins,

This letter is in response to the City of Waterville's recent effort to avoid closure of the post office located at 12 South Third Street, in Waterville, Ohio. While a lease agreement has been reached between the property owner and USPS, it is my understanding that the permanent closure of the Waterville Post Office is still potentially possible.

I am concerned that a permanent closure of the Waterville Post Office will cause significant harm to the wellbeing of the community. The City of Waterville has a population of over 5,500 individuals, and is home to many businesses that rely on the local services available at the current facility. By maintaining a post office locally in Waterville, USPS will avoid potential negative logistical and economic impacts.

I have enclosed correspondence from Mayor Derek Merrin which outlines the City of Waterville's position on this issue. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with representatives from the postal service to discuss Waterville's concerns. In addition, I ask that USPS work with the local officials in Waterville to ensure that a post office facility remains locally and continues to provide the necessary services that this community depends on.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta  
Member of Congress

Enclosure

CC: Mayor Derek Merrin, City of Waterville  
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