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January 11, 2022

The Honorable Thomas MacDougall
Postmaster
United States Postal Service
132 Evergreen Avenue NW
Royal City, WA 99357

Re: Closure of the Mattawa P.O Boxes

Dear Postmaster MacDougall:

I am writing in regard to the recently announced decision to close the post office boxes at CPU Mattawa, in Mattawa, Washington beginning on January 31, 2022. I am strongly against such action and have deep concerns regarding the United States Postal Service (USPS) decision, which could significantly impact the Mattawa community in Washington's 4th Congressional District.

The City of Mattawa and the surrounding area are growing rural communities with a relatively high population that requires fair and adequate access to postal services. This decision will require members of the Mattawa community to spend thousands of dollars to purchase and install individual or cluster mailboxes. Numerous constituents of mine oppose the decision made by the USPS because of the potential loss of mail, the negative impact on local businesses, and the undue burden placed on the most vulnerable populations in the community. Because of this, I am requesting a full justification for this decision. Please elaborate to the following justification questions.

1. What was the process the USPS followed to convert to street delivery in the City of Mattawa?
2. What date did the USPS decide to convert to street delivery in the City of Mattawa?
3. When was the public officially notified of this decision?
4. Did the USPS provide a reasonable opportunity for public contestation?
5. Is USPS in contact with local elected leaders to discuss the financial burdens on the community, i.e., purchase and installation of community mailboxes?
6. To what extent will this decision impact individuals with disabilities?
7. How will the USPS make reasonable accommodations for vulnerable populations?
8. What procedures will the USPS facilitate to prevent any undue burden to the community?
9. How will the USPS mobile unit be utilized to assist in this process, and for what duration of time?
10. What measures will the USPS take to prevent theft, loss of mail, and undelivered packages?

It is imperative that these questions are answered so I may effectively assist our community. For this reason, I respectfully request this letter receive immediate consideration. I look forward to your swift attention to this request. I stand ready to meet with representatives at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,