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Mr. John Phelan
Acting District Manager, WNY District
1200 William Street
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Dear Mr. Phelan,

I write today to urge you to fully implement Carrier Alert, a joint program of the U.S. Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers. This program provides a low-cost support system for many senior citizens who live in my district and throughout Western New York.

Through this program, our nation's letter carriers watch out for senior citizens, the infirm and people with disabilities on their mail routes. Because letter carriers visit every home and business in the country six days a week, there have been countless instances of letter carriers saving lives and serving as neighborhood guardians on their routes. Additionally, letter carriers care about their customers and develop friendships throughout their careers.

The individuals who have requested this service urgently need someone to check in on them regularly and make sure they are well. Implementing and maintaining the formal structure of this program is vital. As residents move from one area to another, and as new letter carriers join the Postal Service, it is imperative that the Carrier Alert program is in place and that carriers are trained to utilize this program effectively.

The participation of a local sponsoring agency is crucial to the administration of the program. There are several opportunities for collaboration, including the United Way, American Red Cross and local senior citizens councils. I've also been informed of the potential interest of AARP in supporting the program.

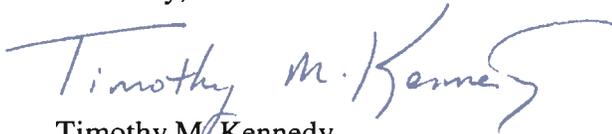
Recently, former Branch 3 NALC President Robert McLennan joined my staff, and I would be pleased to assign him to work with your office and the current leadership of Branch 3 to get this program up and running. I would also like to offer the assistance of my office in getting information about the Carrier Alert program to the senior centers and block clubs in my



district. The Carrier Alert program helps keep New Yorkers safe, and I am committed to doing whatever I can do assist our local letter carriers in this noble service.

I look forward to working with you to serve the citizens of WNY. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy M. Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Timothy M. Kennedy
New York State Senate, 63rd District