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August 5, 2021

Michael Gordon, Acting Manager  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Room 10804  
Washington, D.C. 20260-3500

Dear Mr. Gordon:

Thank you for your responses to my multiple letters to the Postmaster General regarding the Wells Post Office. While I appreciate your thoughts, I do not think I have made myself clear as to how dire the situation is as you have stated it will be at least another 60 days that the residents of Wells must put up with traveling a long distance to receive their mail.

Many residents are senior citizens and on fixed incomes. With the cost of gas continuing to rise to extreme costs, coupled with the lack of public transportation in Hamilton County, it is more than an inconvenience for them to travel a 30-mile roundtrip distance in order to get their mail. As there is no pharmacy in Wells, many have their health prescriptions delivered via mail service and, therefore, having the office located in their hometown is more than a convenience but a lifeline for many individuals.

This has become what I believe is a geographic discrimination against the rural residents of Hamilton County and must be rectified immediately with the reopening of a post office as soon as possible. I am now demanding rather than requesting a more viable solution to the needs of Hamilton County residents than what is currently in place. At the absolute very minimum, you should consider putting a temporary mobile unit in the municipality as it has been reported to me that you have done this in other situations until this issue is rectified.

While I appreciate you keeping me informed, I expect more out of our public servants. Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James N. Tedisco".

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July 12, 2021

Louis DeJoy  
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW - Room 412  
Washington, D.C. 2060

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I am reaching out to your agency once again on behalf of my constituents that live in Wells, Hamilton County, New York, as they continue to have deep concerns with the local post office being moved to Northville, Fulton County, which is an estimate 30-mile round trip for the Wells residents.

While I understand this may be a temporary move, the distance is still a major concern, especially for those who do not have transportation. Many constituents are reporting this is a significant hardship, especially for the most vulnerable.

I am requesting on their behalf that you investigate other viable solutions for the residents to obtain their mail while the post office continues to seek a permanent location in Wells. Anything you can do to assist the Wells residents would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James N. Tedisco". The signature is written over a horizontal line and extends below it.

Senator James N. Tedisco  
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Cc: Congresswoman Elise Stefanik  
Senator Chuck Schumer  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand  
Wells Supervisor Nick Mauro III

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May 14, 2021

Megan J. Brennan

Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer

475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 412

Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents that live in Wells, Hamilton County, New York, as they have genuine concerns with the local post office being moved to Northville, which is 28 miles away from Wells. While I understand this may be a temporary move, the distance is still a major concern.

Many constituents are deeply worried as they report to me that this will become a real hardship, especially for the most vulnerable who have limited income and transportation.

I am requesting on their behalf that you investigate this proposed move and re-evaluate how this will affect the rural area and work to keep the Post Office open in Wells. Anything you can do to assist the Wells residents would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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cc: Robin Richards, Officer in Charge  
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