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Postal Regulatory Commission:

Please consider this as a formal appeal of the Final Determination to close the East Camden Branch Post Office – Docket No. 1438579-71701. Let me begin by calling to your attention factual errors in the document provided:

1. The Camden Post Office is seven miles from the East Camden branch not four miles.
2. The City of East Camden is a separate community and government entity from Camden. East Camden has its own mayor, city council, etc. and is not "administered politically" by the City of Camden as stated in the Final Determination document.
3. Police protection is provided by the City of East Camden and not by Camden as stated.
4. Fire protection is provided by the City of East Camden and not by Camden as stated.

The City of East Camden provides these services, and it is a totally separate community from Camden.

Why this incorrect information remains in the decision making process is a total mystery to me. The correct information was presented to US Postal personnel, in an April 26th conference call, that included US Senator John Boozman and his staff, and again, in a face to face meeting with US Postal personnel at Highland Industrial Park in East Camden, Arkansas on May 11th. Now, over two months later, the incorrect information relative to the political and operational status of the East Camden facility is still in the Final Determination document information. Why? If this was germane to the issue, why was this incorrect information allowed to remain in the document?

The decision to close may appear to impact very few customers as far as your count goes. However, no where do you account for Southern Arkansas University Tech, Arkansas Environmental Training Academy, Arkansas Fire Training Academy, Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, and the many Department of Defense contractors served in the 18,000-acre Highland Industrial Park.

The Post Office says it will deliver to us on a rural route. Many of us are large volume mailers. This proposed action leaves us with no place to purchase stamps, envelopes, etc. if you close East Camden.

I certainly understand that the US Post Office has to contain cost. However, your analysis is significantly flawed and shows a total lack of understanding of the customer base and economic impact of this East Camden, Arkansas facility.

Very truly yours,

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