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POSTAL REGULATORY  
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Dear Chairman Goldway:

The Postal Service has posted the Final Determination to consolidate the Slayden TN Post Office with the Cumberland Furnace, TN Post Office.

The attached list containing signatures of customers served by Slayden, TN, Post Office, 37165, do not feel that the alternate service offered by the Postal Service is acceptable as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service that customers are entitled to in accordance with federal law.

The decision to combine our post office with the Cumberland Furnace, TN, Post Office, we strongly oppose this action. The postmaster plays an important role in our community, especially for the elderly and infirm. Many of our residents do not drive or even have checking accounts and they will be hit hard by this decision because our postmaster assists them in meeting their obligations. Our postmaster helps them pay bills, writes money orders and provides much non-postal caretaking.

Our little post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning. We understand that the Postal Service has financial issues but isn't it against the law to close a post office just to save money? How can the federal government spend billions of dollars in an attempt to create jobs and then a branch of the federal government eliminates vital jobs in small towns? Rural America is just as important as urban America. Post offices in urban America may be a luxury but in rural America they are a necessity.

Sincerely,

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Office of PAGR

*Roger A Harrison*

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Mayor, Roger Harrison, City of Slayden, TN 37165

P O Box 140

Slayden, TN 37165 - 0140

*Jerry Trotter*

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Councilman, Jerry Trotter City of Slayden, TN 37165

*Debbie Smith*

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Councilperson, Debbie Smith, City of Slayden, TN 37165

*Mary Smathers*

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Councilperson, Mary Smathers, City of Slayden, TN 37165

*Diane Harrison*

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City Recorder, Diane Harrison, City of Slayden, TN 37165

Resolution 02-11  
SLAYDEN POST OFFICE

Whereas, The City of Slayden, learning that there are proceedings taking place to possibly close the Slayden Post Office.

Whereas, the Mayor and city council feel that it is unfair to try to strip the city of its identity and change our incorporated city's address to the address of the unincorporated area of Cumberland Furnace.

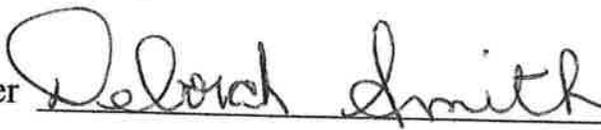
Whereas, our Post Office is much needed here, for the Cumberland Furnace Post Office is 12 miles from our city and up to 15 miles from some customers in outlying areas of Northwest Dickson County.

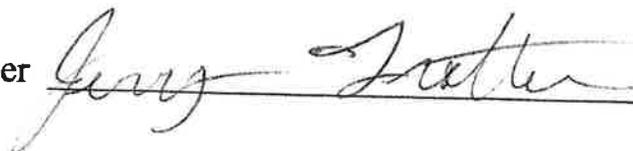
Therefore, let it be resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Slayden, Tennessee that the United States Postal Service re-consider these proceedings.

Read, Adopted and Approved in open session this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2011.

Mayor 

Council member 

Council member 

Council member 

City Recorder 

**Some advantages of the proposal are:**

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.
7. A decrease in your PO Box Fees may be a result of this proposal.

**Some disadvantages of the proposal are:**

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

**II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY**

*Slayden is incorporated.*

Slayden is an unincorporated community located in Dickson County. The community is administered politically by City of Slayden . Police protection is provided by the Dickson Co. Sherriff Department . Fire protection is provided by the Vanleer Volunteer Fire Dept. . The community is comprised of retired people, farmers/ranchers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Slayden Baptist Church, Slayden Church of God, and Masonic Camp Lodge 445, Silver Onion Jewelry, Pig N Chik, Dickson Carnival Co., Dennis Couture Const Co., Jerry Trotter Const. Co., Parker Trucking, Burges Transportation, Jeff Groves Trucking, Harrison Trucking, Proctor and Sons Trucking, Jarman Logging, Harris Logging, Green Lawn Care, Ferrell Auctions, Cumberland Furnace Honey and Bee Removal Service, Chambers Music, Dawn to Dusk Lawn Care . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Slayden Post Office will be available at the Cumberland Furnace Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Cumberland Furnace Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed on the returned questionnaires, at the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

None

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

*If we loose our Post Office  
We will lose our name  
and zip-code.*

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
Wayne Suggs			Wayne Suggs
Nora Suggs			Nora Suggs
Shirley Browning			Shirley Browning
Emmit Browning			Emmit Browning
Trevor Lester			Trevor Lester
Misty Mayfield			Misty Mayfield
Slayden Baptist Church			Slayden Baptist by Rita Nelson
Paul Potts			Paul Potts
Tammy Potts			Tammy Potts
Rita Nelson			Rita Nelson
Virginia Weaver			Virginia Weaver
HAROLD PARTER			Harold Parke
Gerald Harris			Gerald Harris
Laura Harris			Laura Harris
Brian Harris			Brian Harris
Jack Meyer			Jack R Meyer
Billy Miller			Billy Miller
<del>MARION HANCOCK</del>			<del>Mary Hancock</del>
<del>Billy Shelton</del>			<del>Mary Hancock</del>
Dennis Carter			Dennis Carter
Robert			Robert Carter
Garry Harris			Garry Harris
MICHAEL CURTIS			Michael Curtis
LINDA BLANTON			Linda Blanton
Larry E. Hayes			Larry E. Hayes

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Debbie Smith			Debbie Smith
Diane Harrison			Diane Harrison
Roger Harrison			Roger Harrison
GLORIA BROWN			Gloria Brown
Paul Moots			Paul Moots
Brenda S. Green			Brenda S. Green
Slayden Comm. Cent			James Wm Green
Camp Lodge 445			James Wm Green
Michael L. Dwyer			Michael L. Dwyer
Noema Tinsler			Noema Tinsler
Donald Seaman			Donald Seaman
FRANK YARRBROW			Frank Yarrbrow
ARTHUR YARRBROW			Arthur Yarrbrow
Bobby Parker			Bobby Parker
Jennifer Monsees			Jennifer Monsees
Tristin Monsees			Tristin Monsees
Sheena Monsees			Sheena Monsees
JAMES VICE			James Vice
CAROLYN VICE			Carolyn Vice
Brian Miller			Brian Miller
Harold Miller			Harold D. Miller
Clyde Morris			Clyde N. Morris
Barrett Morris			Barrett Morris
Darsh Bateman			Darsh Bateman
Mary Sue Adams			Mary Sue Adams

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
Clifton B. Holzer			Clifton B. Holzer
Ralph Jarman			Ralph Jarman
Betty Jarman			Betty Jarman
EDWARD MAY			Edward May
Sheila Chitwood			Sheila Chitwood
CAVIN WHITE CAVIN WHITE			Cavin E. White
Raymond May			Raymond May
Tony Baggett			Tony Baggett
Carol Davenport			Carol Davenport
JAMIE C. CULFF			Jamie Culff
DAVID BRUES			David Brues
William Procter			William Procter
William Smathers			William Smathers
MARY SMATHERS			Mary Smathers
Barbara Smith			Barbara Smith
Lyndee Graves-Hain			L. Heflin
Christine Dunlap			Christine Dunlap
Karen Dunlap			Karen Dunlap
Jacqueline Letson			Jacqueline Letson
WAYNE WHITE			Wayne White
CHUCK SANTIAGO			Chuck Santiago
Juliette Santiago			Juliette Santiago
Rebecca Baggett			Rebecca Baggett

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NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	SIGNATURE
David Salt			<i>[Signature]</i>
Vernon Trotter			<i>V. Trotter</i>
Clifton Hodge			<i>Clifton Hodge</i>
Robbie Green			<i>Robbie Green</i>
GARY Trotter			<i>Gary Trotter</i>
Larry Fox			<i>LARRY FOX</i>
Pam Hale			<i>Pam Hale</i>
Antonio Z			
Lindy Self			<i>Lindy Self</i>
Roni Proctor			<i>Roni Proctor</i>
Robert Hodges			<i>Robert Hodges</i>
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Eugene Van			<i>Eugene Van</i>
Trevor Williams			<i>Trevor Williams</i>
Gary Collins			<i>Gary Collins</i>
Randy West			<i>Randy West</i>
Courtney Harper			<i>Courtney Harper</i>
Ben Hall			<i>Ben Hall</i>
Johnny Hodges			<i>Johnny Hodges</i>
Adam Collins			<i>Adam Collins</i>