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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
16TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

September 30, 2009

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW
Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

Dear Commissioners:

We are filing this public comment on behalf of our constituents who are customers of the Friendship Heights Post Office, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland. This location serves the Village of Friendship Heights and neighboring portions of Montgomery County, Maryland.

While we understand the final decision rests with the Postal Service, we would like to put on the public record our support for this post office to remain open. The Friendship Heights area is a densely populated, walkable urban community. It is home to so many active senior citizens that it is known as a "Naturally Occurring Retirement Community". The elderly residents of the village rely on local businesses and services that they can access easily without need for transportation. This neighborhood post office is essential to an aging but active population. Many of these constituents no longer own cars, and would be forced to take public transportation to the next closest location or go without the service altogether.

While we appreciate the daunting challenge the Postal Service faces in today's fiscal climate, we believe the demographics of Friendship Heights and the adjacent area present a strong case for preserving this post office. The Friendship Heights Post Office must be permitted to continue its vital role in this community.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of the four legislators mentioned in the text above.
Brian E. Frosh William A. Bronrott C. William Frick Susan C. Lee