

February 25, 2010

Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-001
ATT: Richard Oliver-Docket # PI 2010-1

Dear Postal Regulatory Commission,

Our Post Office Hooven, OH 45033 is in the process of being suspended because of eviction. This is not true, I have contacted the Landlady, Mildred Baird, she was never contacted about making any repairs. The Post office is on the first floor along with a vacant store. The vacant store has a bathroom that the Postmaster uses and it has never been locked so that the Postmaster can't use it. She only received \$300.00 a month and could not afford to make major repairs. Mr. Reddon (Post Office Closing Investigator) indicated that he had talked to the Landlady, he didn't. He said the Post Office was inadequate, it is not handicapped accessible. This is not a reason to close a Post Office, according to Handbook, 101 --212.1. Not having a bath room in the post office is also not a reason to close it, Handbook, 101—212.2. We don't care if it doesn't have a lobby desk, this is not a major requirement. However, there could be one made by the local talented residents, if this is an issue because there is a counter at the window level, which could be changed.

Our Post Office was going rather smoothly until our Postmaster, Barbara Rush, became ill and other people started to fill in on a temporary basis, which might have been regulations, but the proper way to inform the residents would have been a much more courteous way of handling business.

I have had my own mail returned to the sender, of which were of importance and others have had legal documents regarding child support with the County Court House returned.

At our community meeting on January 28, 2010, we were told that we would be getting delivery on a rural route. They have already made up their mind, so it should be an Official Closing. I have also told that the postal carrier has been informed of the changes.

We object to this Temporary suspension because it is really a closing without giving us our rights according to Title 39. We should have had 60 days to object and 30 days to contact the PRC. We also object for the following reasons:

1. Not given much notice, the letter was dated January 18, 2010 for the Community Meeting on January 28, 2010
2. We believe this was a factor in only thirty people attending, it also was at 6 pm, people hadn't come home from work yet.
3. Many people use our Post Office as a means of walking to get their exercise.

4. People have come from other areas, as well as from Indiana, to mail packages because of the convenience of this being a very efficient office.
5. Last, but surely not the least importance, is the fact that we feel we are losing a part of our identity.
6. We have had a Post Office in this town since 1927.
7. We do not want to see the present Postmaster be without a job.
8. We do not want to go into another town to pick up mail, this I am sure would be a hardship for many folks.
9. If changes are in the making, which it seems that there are, then **DO NOT GIVE US CLUSTER BOXES.**
10. If the change is coming, then please give us home delivery.

Our township is only 26 square miles and we have five (5) different zip codes!!!!

Thank you very much for your interest and attention to this problem.

Very truly

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