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**Appeal Right Response
to stop closing of Mitchellville, TN 37119
Post Office**

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To: US Postmaster at Mitchellville, TN 37119
U Postal Regulatory Commission
US Postal Service
901 New York Ave., NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

From: Larry D Draper
1200 N Church St; PO Box 11
Mitchellville, TN 37119-011

As a customer and local resident of the Mitchellville, TN (37119) I would like to appeal the closing of our Post Office. This Post Office does provide postal services needed by the community.

As a lifelong resident of Mitchellville, TN I have noticed as the Post Office hours were cut back; so did the customer base. It stands to reason that if the Post Office returned to full business hours and expanded to full route service for Mitchellville city residents that postal business would increase.

Currently all the residents living in the city limits of Mitchellville do not have Mitchellville 37119 mailing addresses. If this oversight was corrected, the Post Office would serve many more residents. This could be done at a minimal cost and would help foster community growth. The installation of new traditional Post Office Boxes would also encourage business.

The Mitchellville Post Office is one of the oldest Post Offices in Tennessee, with a rich historical heritage and should be preserved for this reason. This can expand upon the sale of Postal Collectibles. I believe that US Postal collectible stamps, albums and merchandise could be sold, bringing in additional customers coming a considerable distance to purchase them.

As a local business owner having the Mitchellville Post Office is great advantage in shipping packages, etc. I will be expanding my mail order business this summer. I use the Mitchellville Post Office (37119) for shipping all of my shipments, using Priority Mail, Express Mail, Insurance, Money order services, etc. If the local Mitchellville, TN 37119 Postal facility closes I will need to find other carriers (non postal) with more local interest for my business.

If this is an economic decision, please let the Mitchellville, TN (37119) try to build itself up and sell more services. It can be done.

Please do not close our Post Office. The city of Mitchellville and surrounding area would be adversely affected by its closing.

I have spoken with the property owner of the Post Office building Mr. Otis Hobdy, and he would be willing to forgo rent for one year to help defray costs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry D. Draper". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Larry D Draper
1200 N Church St; PO Box 11
Mitchellville, TN 37119-011

CC:
US Post Master of Mitchellville, TN
US Postal Service Regulatory Commission
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Senator Bob Coker