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Ida Post Office  
Ida Co. 12546  
COMMISSION  
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The Postal Service's decision to close our post office and provide rural delivery service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in the handling of mail by non-career employees. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with another post office is being done over our objections. This will mean the loss of our identity as a community. We will not have a postmaster to whom we can take our problems, complaints and compliments. We will be directed to a distant postmaster in the home office of our station.

We cannot see any savings to the Postal Service under this arrangement. The clerk in charge of the station will be earning as much as our postmaster and, more than likely, will not be a resident of our community.

We feel that, as citizens of the United States, we are entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. We petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider our protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully,  
*Ed & Hail Carl-Lee*

*Although our office has not been given a closing date yet,  
We plead with you to help us keep our office.*

March 22, 2011

To whom it may concern:

We feel like you chose the wrong person to come talk to us about the closing of the Ida, AR post office. The only thing she was concerned about was saving her job. The people that were here shut us down an hour before our allotted time because we disagreed with her agenda. One of the things she said was entirely wrong. The rural carriers are NOT paid an eight hour day, they are paid by the mile that is why the people such as ourselves that live on Dry Mtn Rd refuse to get our mail delivered to our house because we can't get it before 6 or 7 PM. We all went to Ida and got a PO box. The people conducting the meeting representing the Post Office did not hear one thing the residents had to say. All the complaining to different higher ups did no good concerning the delivery of mail on Dry Mtn Rd.

Personally no one we have talked to thinks closing the rural post offices is the way to go. You can reduce hours or days they are open. Start cutting unnecessary spending at the top not at the bottom. The rural post offices serve a very useful purpose serving the people in the community. Rural carriers cannot handle mailing packages, money orders, stamps certified mail, etc.

The people that use the Ida Post Office are mostly elderly and cannot afford to drive the extra 100 miles + per week to drive somewhere else to get their mail and do business.

I worked as a PMR for the Ida Post Office and would have people from Heber Springs and Drasco come to Ida to buy stamps, money orders, etc.

Closing the Ida Ar. Post Office would be a definite detriment to our community. We ask that you reconsider your decision to do so. There are better solutions than closing a business that has been in the community for over 100 years.

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March 8, 2011

Mr. Patrick R. Donahoe  
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
Washington, DC 20260-001

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

I am writing to you to request your support for the post office located in Ida, Arkansas. It has come to my attention this location is being considered for closure. It is my hope you understand the significance of maintaining this post office for area residents, as many would be adversely affected if the facility were closed.

The closure of the Ida post office would be detrimental to the community and place an undue burden on my constituents. Due to the impact this closure would have, I would appreciate every effort to keep this location open. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Rapert".

Jason Rapert  
State Senator  
District 18

JR:lr

cc: Mr. Cary Chism - USPS District Headquarters - Little Rock, Arkansas