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Postal Regulatory Commission  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to consolidate our post office as of July 23, 2011. This action is being taken after meeting the provisions of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, and over our protestations.

We the customers of the Hoxie Post Office vigorously protest this action, in view of the provision in the Postal Reorganization Act that calls for the postal service to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities and small town where the post office is not self-sustaining.

The Postal Service's decision to consolidate our post office with the Walnut Ridge 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 also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps. Since we are a small community with several senior citizens depending on others for transportation, we feel it is important to keep this facility. Our post office is a meeting place for these seniors to socialize.

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 Post 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. Thank you for listening to our concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lanny R. Tinker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lanny Tinker  
Mayor  
City of Hoxie