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To Whom It May Concern:

We the community of Francitas are appealing the decision made by U.S.P.S. to close our Francitas Post Office. **We are protected by Federal law to keep our Post Office in operation.** Federal law will allow a Post Office to shut down for these reasons:

1) ***For maintenance problems***
2) ***Lease expiration***
3) ***Or other non monetary reasons***

The letter sent to us from U.S.P.S. indicated that U.S.P.S. is considering ***closing due to monetary reason. This violates our rights***. Congress would need to change the law in order for U.S.P.S. to proceed to close our local Francitas Post Office. A study was performed by U.S.P.S. in collecting information data and feedback, in order for U.S.P.S. to make a decision at a later date. ***Seems our right is being violated again!*** U.S.P.S. already has a tentative date to close our Francitas Post Office ***effective 09-11!!*** How can this be possible? We held a community meeting to protest the closure of our Francitas Post Office. U.S.P.S. gave us 15 days to submit our protest letter. **The time frame should have been 30 days!!** We sent our petition and letter to Consumer Affairs. There are a lot of sensitive items U.S.P.S. did not consider during their study. Closing of our Francitas Post Office will create a huge impact to our community. We live in a remote rural area. It creates hardship to the elderly unable to drive, or for the ones that are homebound. U.S.P.S. plans lack an adequate way to inform customers about possible closure and of our right to appeal such decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. The proposal, and notes, that should be posted at the Francitas Post Office for public viewing is not posted. The required step process that U.S.P.S. has in place to close, or consolidate a Post Office are not being followed. We the community of Francitas have a Federal law that protect us. Please do not let our rights be violated. The LaWard Post Office is eight miles away. U.S.P.S.said we could rent a box at the LaWard Post Office. But now U.S.P.S. is planning to shut down the LaWard Post Office also. For all the above reasons, we are appealing to Postal Regulatory Commission to maintain our local Francitas Post Office in operation. We will settle for reduction of days and hours of operation, **but not for closure.** Thanks, for listening to our plea for justice.

Sincerely,
Raymond Salinas

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Date of Removal: 08/14/2011

FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE FRANCITAS, TX POST OFFICE
AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

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