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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Commission:

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our post office by October 16, 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 Lincoln Post Office disagree with how the Postal Service is determining which post offices to close. They are closing post offices that do not have a postmaster. If a post office is not self-sustaining, but has a postmaster they are not closing those. Even if it makes sense to keep a post office open because of location, size of city, etc., if there is no postmaster it will close and leave a post office open with a less desirable location, size of city, etc. with a postmaster. This does not make sense and is very unfair to postal customers.

We the customers of the Lincoln Post Office, vigorously protest the closing of the Lincoln Post Office, 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 towns where the post office is not self-sustaining.

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 handling of mail by non-career employees. We also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. **(People are to stand outside and try to catch the rural carrier to buy a money order!)** We have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs. This will cause people the inconvenience of driving to another city to obtain postal services.

We feel that post offices should not be closed so that employees can continue to receive their huge pensions that most Americans do not receive and because of the poor management that has been going on for numerous years.

Therefore, 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,

The citizens of Lincoln, Iowa

Enclosure-signatures

