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September 2, 2011

Ruth Goldway  
Chairman Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

Dear Ms. Goldway:

I am writing to appeal the closing of the Leonardsville, New York Post Office. This is a very small community and the post office is now the hub of the village, where folks meet and greet each other and it gives this community some life. We don't have much left here, the school has been closed, the store burned down and no one every rebuilt another.

We have been told that the post office costs \$42,000 a year to maintain and since we will have to become a rural route out of Bridgewater, the savings certainly will not amount to \$42,000. So for the pittance you will be savings we make a plea to leave us intact.

I realize the system is in trouble, but I certainly don't think the answer is to close these small offices that are the heart of their community. The postal system needs to market themselves more effectively, change your hours to accommodate your clients, that is what your competitors do. Make cuts at the top where you will really realize a savings.

I would think that one postmaster could oversee at least 2 or 3 of these smaller offices and you could eliminate some higher paid employees, yet keep the service more convenient for the residents of these areas. Our residents will have to drive 10 miles or more round trip for postal service, this is just wrong. You are putting the little offices out of business and making other offices bigger, kind of like Walmart, same principal. This country was built on small shops and businesses and we need to get back to that way of doing things.

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We can live with a reduction of hours or a post master that will oversee 2 or 3 small offices, but to close altogether will be devastating to our community.

Please reconsider.

Regards,



Cheryl C. Hammond