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POSTAL REGULATORY  
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Dear Chairman,

Docket Number 1364103-83120

The Postal Service has posted the Final determination to close the Freedom, WY 83120 post office. We do not think the alternate service offered by the Postal service for Freedom, WY 83120 is acceptable as it does not provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service to our communities.

We do not believe closing our post office and providing delivery and retail service by a carrier meets requirements of the above mentioned rule. It is inconvenient for customers to purchase money orders/ stamps, send and receive registered mail and certified mail. We are also concerned about vandalism, theft and even identity theft.

Our little post office represents the federal government to our residents and it is hard for us to understand the reasoning of USPS. We understand the financial hardship the Postal Service is facing. I plan to show how our Post Office is financially self-sustaining. Rural America cannot afford to lose any more jobs in this fragile economy. We appreciate your consideration of our views and comments.

In the letter dated 08-29-2011 it stated two different times (#3 page 2, and # 2 page 6) that our zip code would not change... Then on # 8 page 6 it tells us the zip code would be changed. Which would it be? The total savings estimates that the USPS would save would be \$41,210.00 each year by closing the Freedom Post Office. On page 1 and page 8 it says we have 4 permit mailers. Why isn't that money added into the money earned ? It would raise our revenue, and save our Post Office.

Sincerely,

*Ida Hokanson*

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*would you want to save the name  
of your Post Office if it had  
"FREEDOM" in its name?*

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FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE  
THE FREEDOM, WY POST OFFICE  
AND ESTABLISH  
SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

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Dear Chairman,

- We do not think or like the proposal to close the Freedom, Wyoming post office. It does not provide regular and effective service to our rural areas and small town. Our post office is and will be self sustaining with the return of Silver Star Telephone revenue to the Freedom Office. (about \$3000 to \$5000 per month) Closing the office would require us to drive 21 miles for service.
- It will be inconvenient for us to purchase money orders/stamps, sent and receive registered mail and certified mail. We do not want our zip code changed. We are also concerned about vandalism, theft, and especially identity theft. Weather conditions are very severe for several months of the year.

Our office serves customers in two states and three counties. There aren't other business on the Wyo. side of the street. to provide this service. New contract employees may not be trained adequately and would definitely not gives us good service. Mail security would also be an issue.

This contracted service could be terminated at any time and then the office closed. We would lose our right to appeal. Our office could be closed without our in put. Other people do not understand our situation as well as we do having lived here all of our lives.

The decision to combine our office with the Thayne or Afton, Wyo. is unacceptable. They do not have the personnel or boxes to handle our volume of mail. The acting postmaster in Afton is very inconsiderate and rude to the public. We would lose our identity and strongly oppose this action. The office and postmaster are important to our community.

Our post office represent the government to our people It is against the law to close our office where it is self supporting or non self supporting. I don't think this is a sound judgment decision made by someone not in our situation. The decision does not or will not provide us with the same or equal service that we have now. It is not cost effective.

Please reconsider your decision..

Sincerely yours,



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