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re: Smyrna NY 13464 Post Office Closing
Docket No. 1381921-13464

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Dear PRC:

Office of PAGR

Please take notice I am appealing the closing of the Smyrna NY Post Office, 13464.

The Smyrna Post Office has been the corner stone of this community since it has opened. The services it provides can not be duplicated by another location or rural delivery as it has been woven into our makeup and will be a major blow to this community if you decide it should be ripped out.

As an example of the confusion the Postal Regulatory Commission is under, what is the purpose of two post offices, which are open and not scheduled to close, in the town of Plymouth NY that has less business, a lower population base and must cost the Postal Service much more then maintaining the current postal employee who earns less then even ONE of the current Post Masters in Plymouth NY? That makes no economic sense and may be one of the big reasons why the Post Office is in the financial state it currently is in.

The suggestion that people would be able to use the Sherburne NY Post Office for their local business also makes no economic sense. The Sherburne Post Office, 13460, is small, tucked into a busy parking lot with 5 or 6 other businesses sharing the same parking spaces. That Post Office is extremely close to an intersection of two State Highways and across from the fire department. If, and I do stress IF, you are fortunate enough to drive, the parking in the Sherburne NY Post Office is a quagmire and I invite any of you to come and view it yourselves. If you do not have a car and live in our town, as many of the Smyrnaites do not, then the bus to and from the Sherburne Post office will cost you \$1.00 each way every day! You should NOT plan on getting your mail from the Sherburne Post office on Saturday due to the bus schedule. I understand that may not seem like a great deal of money to people in Washington DC but it is a huge cost to the rural, poverty stricken citizens in this area. It seems as no thought was factored into the rural poor areas where the Postal Service is deciding to cut service out.

The rural populations interaction with the postal service employee is above and beyond what anyone outside of a poor rural community can understand. Not only does that person take care of "business" in a cost efficient, orderly, organized way but also is an

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intricate part of the rural community. The postal service employee helps to weave the fabric of the American Rural Family lives and helps to keep it strong and functional. I continue to believe, despite what you are attempting to destroy, that the Rural Post Office is part of the history and foundation of the America we love, respect and will defend. Our community continues to grow, while still remaining a rural area, continues to support our government, our country and OUR Post Office.

Instead of attempting the closing of the Smyrna NY Post Office, 13464, why have you not come to this community and requested thoughts, ideas and input on how we can all work together to find ways to continue the business and save money for the Post Office at 13464, instead of destroying one of the corner stones of this community.

I am requesting a reconsideration in the Final Determination Letter of September 9, 2011.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bernice O'Brien, RN

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Proud Resident of Smyrna Postal Area, 13464