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Postal Regulatory Commission
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Dear Members of the Postal Regulatory Commission;

The United States Postal Service filed a Final Determination to close the Holman, NM Post Office and continue to provide service by Highway Contract Route Service. Docket number 1367246-87723. Please accept this letter as an appeal in the regards to the United States Postal Service's decision to close the Holman Post Office. I am requesting a Petition for Review of Closure before the Postal Regulatory Commission.

I am a life long resident of Holman, New Mexico and have received my mail at the Holman Post Office for the last 34 years. The citizen and the customers of the Holman NM Post Office wish to keep the Post Office open and retain it as its current status of a United States Post Office operated by a Postmaster. If the Holman Post Office is closed, a hardship and financial burden will be placed upon the citizen of this small and rural community.

United States Code Title 39 Section 101(b) states "The Postal Service shall provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self-sustaining. No small post office shall be closed solely for operating at a deficit, it being the specific intent of Congress that effective postal services be insured to residents of both urban and rural communities.

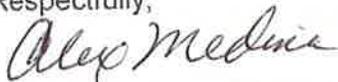
The Holman Post Office was studied for closure due to the fact that the Postmaster position became vacant when our Postmaster passed away. The Postal Service never posted the position. If it had been posted there would probably have been career postal employees interested that could have transferred in all of the reorganization that is taking place. I believe that the community of Holman should not be punished because the Postal Service failed to appoint a Postmaster in a timely manner.

The Postal Service also states that revenue is down from 2008 but it fails to notice that the revenue is slowly increasing again. The Postal Service states that it will save \$39,398, but they failed to mention the revenue generated from the 156 post office boxes rented and also the window revenue. Taking this into consideration the savings are only 13,888. A very small savings to the Postal Service that does not justify the devastation it will bring upon the residents of this small and rural community.

I believe there are different alternatives the Postal Service could consider including only opening for 4 hours a day.

I feel that, as a citizen of the United States, I am entitled to the same efficient postal service provided to our counterparts in urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out. I petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider my protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to our service needs.

Respectfully,



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