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To the Postal Regulatory Commission:

I was one of many who signed the petition at the Bloomington Post Office asking your consideration is keeping our Bloomington Post Office from closure.

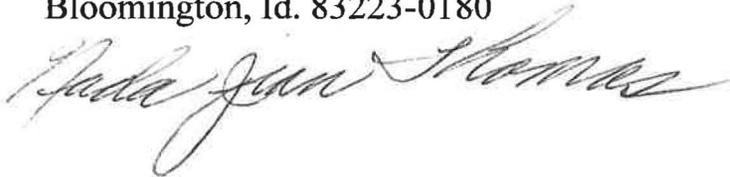
POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Enclosed I'm sending a copy of the letters I have written to the Postal Service and Congressmen in trying everything I could do to keep our little office opened.

There is still another concern as "the Talk" is now we would have to go an additional 10 miles to retrieve our packages which would put an extreme hardship on all of us.

Think on the matter very seriously and please keep our post office opened. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nada Jean Thomas
Retired Postmaster
P.O. Box 180
Bloomington, Id. 83223-0180



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Dear Senator Crapo,

As I understand, it's against the law for identity theft. The United States Postal Service is trying steal Bloomington's identity by closing our post office. Please be our "Life Lock" and help prevent this from happening.

The post office is the heart of Bloomington. I realize there are some who don't care in our little town but as a retired postmaster of almost twenty years, I have seen the needs of the people and we need to keep our post office.

I feel they are jumping over dollars to save a dime. Since our postmaster retired they haven't had to pay annual or sick leave. They haven't had to pay utilities, maintenance, or snow removal ever. Small time post offices believe in giving service, please help in keeping rural America alive.

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To the US Postal Service:

The post office in Bloomington is just not a place to get our mail, buy stamps, mail a package.

The Bloomington Post Office is the heart of our town.

It's a place one goes for comfort as a death in the family, a pending surgery or recovery from one, the devastating news of cancer and the treatments that are needed, a troubled teenager. The list could go on and on.

The Bloomington Post Office is also where one goes to share good news as a birth of a new baby, an engagement and wedding, high school news. That list could to on and on.

Bloomington Post Office is where we meet new people who have moved into the community. A place travelers stop asking direction to Bloomington Lake, the best route to Jackson, Wy., or the cemetery and even buying stamps and mailing packages and loving the friendly atmosphere and service they find at the Bloomington Post Office. And this list could go on and on.

As a retired postmaster I consider Bloomington as one big family -- my family. I have seen the needs of each family and have been there for them as each postmaster or person in charge since my retirement. So I am pleading with you to keep our post office open. Don't break up our Family.

Bloomington Post Office is where we go to share our sorrows and joys. Please make it possible to keep it that way.

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Dear Mr. Hubrich,

I'm enclosing a letter I wrote to Shannon Bunderson's letter is response to the one she had written to your office. She definitely wants our Bloomington Office closed which is her choice and I honor that.

However, I took offense in the way she stated some untruths. She has no concept of what goes on in the post office in Bloomington or what we do as in her words "non-working hours."

Since I took office in 1964 there have been 2 Postmasters and 6 Leave Replacements or Officers in Charge covering from 1964 to 2011. In those 41 years I believe it would be safe to say Shannon has only been in the Bloomington Post Office 10 times.

We've done our best to service and to do our job the best we knew how. We've filled out forms, done reports and sent them in when they were due, we've kept track of items sold, inventoried and followed the manual as close as we could. As a Postmaster or Officer in Charge we have served the customers with our heads held high.

We've been janitors keeping the office neat and clean. We've been gardeners adding flowers to the place both inside and out at our own expense. We've decorated according to the season making the post office festive and a fun place to come.

Yes, people do drive to the post office even though some are within walking distance but they would rather drive a mile than 10. The children will lose that opportunity and that fun experience of going to the post office to get the mail and their special treat because they can't drive.

On her statement of "funding a gathering place to formulate new governmental and ecclesiastical policy (gossip) out of the elements!" I'm not sure where she is coming from. What is a definition of gossip? It's found in any working place, the doctor office, grocery store, the bank, at church, school boarding and city meetings, and yes, even in a county court house.

We go beyond the call of duty Just this past week a ninety-three year old gentleman's son died, where did he go to find comfort and solace ---- the post office in Bloomington, Idaho. We're here to give encouragement, share joys and sorrows, help a lost child, a (would be) runaway girl. The list could go on and on. We have been there to serve our patrons proudly and dearly LOVE each and everyone of them. Many are aging and need special help or just some one to care. There are 5 new homes scheduled to be built in Bloomington, it makes no sense to close the Bloomington Post Office.

Yes, the Postal Service needs to save and cut back but not by closing small town post offices which are the heartbeat of America. Stop sponsoring NBA who's teams are making Mecca buck. Stop sponsoring bike rides like Lance Armstrong who surely doesn't hold to the standards or is a good representative of the United States Postal Service, advertising on TV amounts to more Mecca bucks. SPONSER the small time post offices and keep them opened. They can do more for you than any commercial on TV. Don't put your heads in the sand and be like the Big Wigs in Washington who wanted to stop paying the guards at the Cattle Guard to keep the cattle off the National Forests.

**PLEASE KEEP THE BLOOMINGTON POST OFFICE
OPENED.**

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