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POSTAL REGULATORY
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Docket Number 1367246-87723

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen 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 Highway Contract Route Services. Please accept this letter as an appeal to the Postal Service's decision to close the Holman Post Office. I am requesting a Petition for Review of Closure before the Postal Regulatory Commission.

As a lifelong customer of the Holman Post Office I am protesting your determination to close the Holman Post Office. Holman is a very small community located in the Mora Valley; if the Holman Post Office is closed it would create a great hardship and burden on the members of the community. The members of the community depend on our post office to do timely and orderly business, and receive our mail and medication in a safe location.

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 office shall be closed solely for operating at a deficit, it being specific intent of the Congress that effective postal services be insured to the residents of both urban and rural communities."

The Holman Post Office was "studied" for review shortly after our postmaster passed away. The only reason they have decided to close our Post Office is due to the untimely death of our beloved Postmaster on August 26, 2010. The Postal Service has had adequate time to place another Postmaster in her place but have failed to do so. Why should we be punished for the passing of our Postmaster?

In your final determination you stated that closing the Holman Post Office would save \$39,398 annually, but you failed to deduct the revenue that the Holman Post Office generates from this number. Also it states that there is a Postmaster salary of \$33,168, however Holman does not have a Postmaster it is operated by an OIC who operates the office for far less a year. Not to mention that you do not have to pay out benefits or retirement. So what would the Postal Service really be saving in the long run?

Other options you may consider is how about making the Holman Post Office a part time office open only 4 hours a day and closed on Saturday's, or perhaps only opening 4 days a week. There are other options other than closing the Holman Post Office. Please take all this into consideration. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mark Montoya
P.O Box 57
Holman NM, 87723

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Montoya". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.