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Dear Members of the Postal Regulatory Commission;

The Postal Service has informed us of a decision to close our Holman NM Post Office and establish service by Highway Contract Route. I am a customer of the Holman Post Office and in view of the United States Code Title 39 Section 101(b) I protest this action. And I request an appeal and a petition for review of this decision.

Our Post Office came up for review for the reason that the Postmaster unexpectedly passed away on 8-26-2010. If our Postmaster be still alive our Holman NM Post Office would have not been considered for closing. The Postal Service failed to fill the position and now the community of Holman will be punished for that. I strongly believe that as an American Citizen of a rural area have the same rights as the citizen of urban areas. The Postal Reorganization Act is explicit in pointing this out.

The Postal Service's decision to close our Post Office and provide Highway Contract Route Service raises questions concerning the sanctity of the mail and the risks involved in the handling of mail by non-career employees. I also foresee inconveniences in purchasing money orders and stamps, and sending accountable mail. I have the same concerns regarding the receipt of accountable mail, such as certified letters, registered letters and CODs.

The Postal Service also states it will save \$ 39,398 annually. They failed to mention the generated revenue from our Post Office which totaled \$ 25,510 last year. Taking this into consideration the Postal Service is only looking at a savings of \$ 13,888. This is a very small savings for the Postal Service. It will be a great hardship and the lost of our identity of our small rural community if our Post Office is closed.

The Postal Service also states that the revenue is down from 2008 but they did not mention that the revenue is slowly rising again.

I believe there are better alternatives (operating only part time) than to close our Post Office.

I petition you, as members of the Postal Regulatory Commission, to respectfully consider this protest and order the Postal Service to give additional considerations to the service needs of the Holman Community.

Sincerely



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