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POSTAL REGULATORY
COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Granholm:

I am writing to appeal your decision to close our local post office (Sattley/Calpine 96124). We NEED our local post office for many reasons, but uniquely to our situation, the post office is the center of our town. We have no other businesses in town, and the post office is the hub of our community. Our community bulletin board is located in front of the post office, and it is where we often see friends that we haven't seen lately. Especially in the winter when we aren't out walking or outdoors at all, we see each other when we stop to get our mail and send mail.

We have quite a few home internet businesses in our town, and they all use the post office to send and receive packages. I personally send my packages through the USPS because of the convenience of having the post office right here in town.

Our nearest post office is in Sierraville, located 8 miles from us. Unfortunately, that post office is also being considered for closure. The next closest one is 13 miles away over a mountain pass that poses some danger in winter storms as well as being in a town that is way off the beaten track. We have been told that we will probably be sent to Loyalton as the place to get large packages, etc. It is 22 miles away! Does that really make sense to anyone?

We have lived in this community since 1976 and have had the same box number (9) since we moved here. We do NOT want to change our address, and we are very upset that this is even being considered.

We have attended two community meetings - one for our post office and one for the Sierraville post office. We have not received ANY data that shows that these closures will save the USPS ANY money. Even if that is the case, the savings has got to be miniscule compared with closing larger post offices in big cities. How about putting cluster boxes in cities instead of having house delivery?

Please reconsider this closure and rescind your decision!

Sincerely,
Beverly Mitchell
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