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Shoshana Grove
Secretary of the Postal Regulatory Commission
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Washington, D. C. 20268-0001

Reference: Appeal of Closure of the Pimmit Branch, Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Ms. Grove,

Please accept this letter as a petition for review of the U. S. Postal Service's decision to close the Pimmit Branch located at 7520 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22043.

I found out through the Pimmit Hills Citizen's Association of the Postal Service intention to close this substation effective November 10, 2011. We of this community were not notified of this intent until we received a letter from Mr. George S. Chichester dated September 14, 2011. Is not a public comment period standard practice within the USPS for closures? I thought we were beyond this problem because the Pimmit Branch was never included in the closure lists posted in the Washington Post. I request suspension of this action pending the result of the appeal to the Commission as actions taken to close this substation may be impossible to overturn if the Commission finds in favor of the appeal. It makes sense to keep this office open pending the outcome of the appeal.

On a personal note, I use this branch for almost all of my personal postal business. Many of us in this residence and business-dense location can and do walk to this substation. I certainly do. Additionally,

I have trouble believing that this is not a profitable location for the USPS. It is located near many businesses in the eastern Tysons Corner area, and I have yet to go to it any time throughout the day and not find a line. From where I live, I can get to FedEx and UPS retail locations more quickly and easily than I can get to my next nearest serving Post Offices (Falls Church or Dunn Loring). I do not mean this as a veiled threat but only as the truth of the matter. When faced with using the Falls Church Post Office at four traffic-laden miles from my house or the FedEx or UPS locations at two and two and a half miles respectively, I am more likely to choose the least distance in this traffic clogged region. You must know what it is like. You are located in this region, too.

Please consider my request for delay in the closure for this Post Office.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl Ritchey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "K".

Karl Ritchey