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Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200 Office of PAGR  
Washington, DC 20268-0001

RE: Docket No. 1368960-45336  
Closing of Kettlersville, Ohio, Post Office

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to appeal the determination of the U.S. Postal Service to close the Post Office in Kettlersville, Ohio, and provide service via rural route carrier. I strongly urge the Commission to **REJECT** this request to close this rural Post Office.

First, I do not believe the numbers cited in the determination are correct. I was told by Mr. Bob Redden that the salary figure quoted was based on an average for that level post office. If they are indeed basing this on economics, then the actual amount paid should be used, not a national average.

Second, since the majority of homes in this incorporated village have sidewalks, it would not be possible to place mailboxes at the curb for a rural route driver. Cluster boxes (or something similar) would have to be installed (another expense), plus some sort of protection from the weather (another expense), and two of the streets in the village are not on the main routes, so a driver would have to make a detour to service these addresses. In addition, the building now housing the Post Office is only about 10 years old, and was built brand new, at an estimated cost of over \$100,000. If the determination to go to rural route is enacted, this building would be abandoned by the Post Office, another poor use of funding, in my view.

For a business striving to make the best use of its resources, I do not think this does that. Why erect additional or replacement boxes when a perfectly good facility already exists? To me, that does not make sense.

Although I have been told that Kettlersville will keep its name and ZIP code, there is no assurance this will not change in the future. The Post Office is a vital community resource in our small, rural village. It is also a safe, secure facility, something that I believe cluster boxes could not provide. And, instead of having to make multiple stops by a rural carrier, only one delivery (and pickup) to the Post Office is now required.

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Postal regulations state that economics cannot be the sole factor in determining whether an office can be closed. But in this case, I believe it is the main driving force behind this decision. The position of postmaster, which has been vacant since 2009, is that way because the Postal Service **CHOSE** not to fill it. I feel the village is being penalized because of this.

Therefore, I again urge the Postal Regulatory Commission to **REJECT** this determination, and keep the Post Office in Kettlersville, Ohio, open.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to my elected representatives (Rep. Jim Jordan, Sen. Sherrod Brown and Sen. Rob Portman) to solicit their assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric S. Kaminsky". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

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