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*Lyle Wagner*  
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*Harold J. Kramer*

*P.S. for 47 years I have paid annual fees for  
Box rent. It is high time a surcharge of  
Perhaps \$10<sup>00</sup> a year be applied to all rural "Free"  
and carrier "foot" delivery services. This revenue  
would serve to cure the economic woes of the USPS  
and keep the local offices open in Rural America  
along with their employment.*

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*Maurice Glawe*

*BV 2*

*208 N. Main*

*St. Olaf, Iowa  
52072*

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I have been a city council person for over 20 years and when the Postal Service targeted the St. Olaf Post Office for closure I felt it was my obligation to oppose this action. St. Olaf is a small community in Northeast Iowa with only a few businesses but the Post Office is a great connection to the world. Many residents of the community are in the 60+ category and that tends to limit their travel and communication through the internet. Their connection to the world revolves around the post office. I know the Postal Service has promised us that the service will not be affected but I find that hard to believe. The residents are concerned about how they will get their medications, receiving or sending packages and the accessibility of the mail during the winter months.

Everyone is facing financial challenges these days and I am sure the Postal Service is no different, but the decision to close the St. Olaf and other small post offices puts an unfair burden on small communities and the elderly people that reside there. The burden will also be felt by others in the community when the community is unable to attract business because the town does not have a post office.

It is my hope that you will take time to view the closures of small offices from the side of the small community and weigh that against the trivial amount of financial burden that it places on the Postal Service. The survival of small communities depend upon this decision.

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Thank You,

*Duane S. Bouska*

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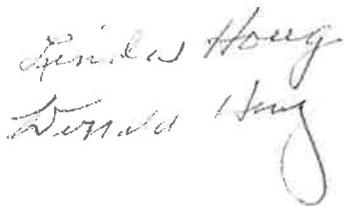
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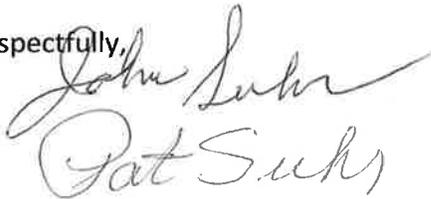
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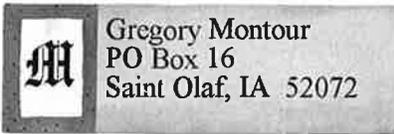
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