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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Office of PAGR

October 31, 2011

U.S. Postal Service District Manager

Dear Madam or Sir

I have been informed that you are closing the Holland Post Office in Holland Iowa by November 6, 2011. We have received the final determination to close the Holland, IA Post Office Docket number 1367189-50642. I am writing you to appeal your decision to close the Holland, IA Post Office. As I'm sure you are aware under section 404 of Title 39 of the United States Code requires the Postal Service to give the person served by the Office at least 60 days prior notice the proposed date of such closing or consolidation, to ensure customers have an opportunity to present their views which we have had, but are questioning the numbers that were presented to us in the final determination to close our Office.

In your closing letter you showed costs of a Postmaster salary of \$33,168 per year plus Fringe Benefits of \$11,111 per year and a annual lease costs of \$3600 per year for a total of \$47,879 per year. The cost of a replacement service you stated was \$11,354 for a savings of \$36,525 per year not including the \$5166 to move the facility.

Listed are my reasons for appeal:

- 1) You based a salary of the prior Postmaster who retired on June 30, 2010.
- 2) For the last 16 months we have a postal person that covers our Office at a pay grade much less than a Postmaster's salary with no Fringe Benefits, currently only 2 hours per day. I don't know what her pay grade is or her wage but even at \$15 per hour the total wage for our Office at \$150 per week or \$7800 per year plus rental \$3600 for a total of \$11,400 per year verses your projected costs of \$11,354.

Those numbers are not enough to satisfy me that the decision you have made to close our Office is valid and cost effective. Answer me these questions.

- 1) Does your projected cost of \$11,354 include snow removal and maintenance for a cluster, and how did you come up with this projected cost, what is the formula?
- 2) Can the City of Holland put it in one of our buildings such as City Hall? What are the restrictions? This would eliminate the \$3600 annual lease cost plus utilities.
- 3) Is \$11,354 per year the maximum allowable for our Office / Cluster?

As the City Clerk of Holland I really don't see any economic savings at our current status of operations with the information that we have been presented, therefore appeal you decision to close our Office

Sincerely,
Gary Stoehr Jr.
City Clerk