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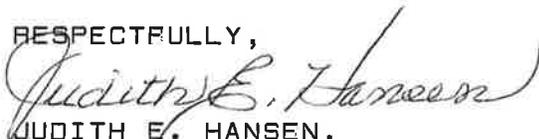
THE POSTAL SERVICE HAS INFORMED US OF A DECISION TO CLOSE OUR POST OFFICE BY 11-28-2011. THIS ACTION IS BEING TAKEN AFTER MEETING THE PROVISIONS OF THE POSTAL REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1970, AND OVER OUR PROTESTATIONS.

WE, THE CUSTOMERS OF THE MT. STERLING, WISCONSIN POST OFFICE, VIGOROUSLY PROTEST THIS ACTION, IN VIEW OF THE PROVISIONS IN THE POSTAL REORGANIZATION ACT THAT CALLS FOR THE POSTAL SERVICE TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM DEGREE OF EFFECTIVE AND REGULAR POSTAL SERVICE TO RURAL AREAS, COMMUNITIES AND SMALL TOWNS WHERE THE POST OFFICE IS NOT SELF-SUSTAINING.

THE POSTAL SERVICE'S DECISION TO CLOSE OUR POST OFFICE AND PROVIDE RURAL DELIVERY SERVICE RAISES QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE SANCTITY OF THE MAIL AND THE RISKS INVOLVED IN THE HANDLING OF MAIL BY NON-CAREER EMPLOYEES. WE ALSO FORESEE INCONVENIENCES IN PURCHASING MONEY ORDERS AND STAMPS, AND SENDING ACCOUNTABLE MAIL. WE HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS REGARDING THE RECEIPT OF ACCOUNTABLE MAIL, SUCH AS CERTIFIED LETTERS, REGISTERED LETTERS AND C.O.D. s.

WE FEEL THAT, AS CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME EFFICIENT POSTAL SERVICE PROVIDED TO OUR COUNTERPARTS IN URBAN AREAS. THE POSTAL REORGANIZATION ACT IS EXPLICIT IN POINTING THIS OUT. WE PETITION YOU, AS MEMBERS OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION, TO RESPECTFULLY CONSIDER OUR PROTEST AND ORDER THE POSTAL SERVICE TO GIVE ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS TO OUR SERVICE NEEDS.

RESPECTFULLY,



JUDITH E. HANSEN,
REPRESENTING THE POPULATION OF MT STERLING AND THE
MANY CUSTOMERS IN THE OUTLYING AREA.

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