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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written as an appeal to the closing of the Daisy Post Office located in Daisy, Georgia. The following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of our postal service. I cannot describe any favorable effects the closing of the post office could have on our community or as an individual with a growing business. My business is solely dependent on the post office. I am a logger with a business located in Daisy. My preferred delivery for ordered and any returned items is through the post office because I know that the merchandise will be handled with care and kept secure. I have logging tickets that must be mailed to a variety of destinations throughout the week along with checks that are for large amounts of money. These items require being weighed and sent out first class. The post office is the most secure way to send these. My personal paychecks for the tickets come from several mills throughout the week and there again this is a sizeable amount of money that I only trust to be mailed to my post office box. I also use the post office when making my equipment payments, insurance payments, fuel payments and any weekly payments for parts. On many occasions, I must send out letters that are certified and there again it is very convenient for me to have the post office close by and this saves me time and money. I can rest in knowing that the mailed items will be delivered to their destinations.

The effect that the closing will have on our overall community will also be unfavorable and devastating for many of our friends and neighbors. Our community has just begun to grow again and we are very proud to have several thriving businesses in our community. From a historical point of view we are very proud of our town and the part that our 121 year old post office has played in the history of our state and our county. We do not want to lose our identity and our heritage. We also have some older citizens that this will cause a hardship for because they do not want their mail to be delivered to their homes due to safety and security reasons and they have no formal means of transportation.

In speaking with many of the citizens in Daisy, it is our desire that the post office be considered as a contract post office or as a village post office. As far as trying to understand the survey results and how so many people were counted as no opinion is baffling to me. I think that many of the people who attempted to fill out the surveys were confused in trying to fill out the papers and we informed the postal employees conducting the town meeting that there was a page missing from the surveys. **WE** had a large number of supporters to show up for our town meeting including the local newspaper, the newspaper from Statesboro, and two TV stations from Savannah. The area papers continue to update the news concerning the closing and to support our fight to keep our identity. Our solidarity is also being displayed by the hanging of blue ribbons throughout our community. Many of the citizens, including myself, felt the town meeting was only a formality and the closing was a done deal before the meeting. As we continue our efforts, and in speaking with Mayor Brown the postal officials have not kept him informed and updated on the latest developments as they had promised. He, along with the city council, have offered several options that could be consider and cost effective for keeping our post office. At this point, I along with the citizens of Daisy and our local community will continue to pray and fight to keep our post office open.

Sincerely,

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