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Postal Regulatory Commission
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Dear Sirs:

I, James W. Combs, P.O. Box 92, Pierceville, Indiana, 47039 do wish to formally appeal the announced closing of the Pierceville Post Office.

It is obvious to me that the United States Postal Service has been disingenuous in their public announcements and the reasons for closing this post office and other post offices.

Federal law says cost can not be the only determinant for closing a post office, yet when reading the material provided, cost is exactly the reason for closing this post office. And yet, closing the 3700 odd post offices on the current list amounts to about 1% to 2% of the budget short fall. To get to their cost target, they will have to get down to two post offices in this county - perhaps fewer..

The postal service says that I can get the same services from a rural carrier that I currently get from the post office in Pierceville. That is simply not so. Should I need a service that requires personal interaction with my carrier, I need to stake out my rural box or leave a note and wait for him. His normal arrival time varies from 2:00pm to 5:00 pm. What accounts for a 3 hour window; I do not know.

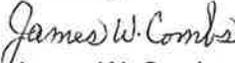
When asked what will become of our current post master, they say that to date all reductions have been achieved by attrition. If you are going to get rid of one half of the employee base and one half of the physical facilities; attrition will not take care of that - COME ON.

Transportation savings for this post office can not be much. It is less than 40 yards off of the main highway, and a stop takes less than 2 minutes for the truck to stop, and take the mail out of the outside box that it is in. When this facility is closed, the truck will drive by it every day, within 40 yards of it.

When closing large processing centers like the one in Cincinnati, that means every piece of mail will have to be trucked to the Toledo center for sorting. Every piece of 1st class and every piece of "junk mail" from all of the commercial printers in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton, will have to be trucked to the processing center in Toledo - at somewhere between \$1.00 and \$1.25 per mile. Much of what you save on one end will have to be spent on the other. I have worked for businesses try that trick as a method of "cooking the balance sheet." It did not solve the income problem; it only made it look better on the balance sheet.

I am all for saving money, but giving me a line of spin that is less than honest is an insult, and it does not conform to the law. For these reasons and more, I appeal the closing of the Pierceville, Indiana Post Office.

Sincerely,


James W. Combs

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