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Mr. Patrick R. Donahue
Postmaster General, CEO
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Dear Mr. Donahue:

We are writing on behalf of tens of thousands of constituents in the City of Milwaukee who fear they may lose the USPS location that they utilize and depend on.

Specifically, we have become aware of a study being conducted to determine whether to discontinue or convert five post office locations in Milwaukee:

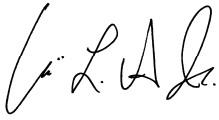
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - 2650 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Dr.
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- Mid City - 3421 W. Vliet St.
- Parklawn - 3931 N. 35th St.
- Teutonia - 2656 N. Teutonia Ave.

These post offices are ALL located in Milwaukee's predominantly African American central city, and closing them or significantly reducing postal services would cause a disparate impact on one group (African Americans) and one geographical area.

We have also been made aware that if all five post offices are closed, 3,400 displaced P.O. Box users would need to transfer their service to another location. Sadly, we believe many of those affected would simply lose their P.O. Box, negatively affecting their ability to utilize vital USPS services they depend on. This will be compounded by the fact that the USPS mailboxes in many of these neighborhoods have been removed or relocated.

It is our sincere request that your decision making for closures and conversions of post offices be fair and equitable. We ask that you take into account the potential negative impact on seniors and other residents who rely heavily on accessible, dependable USPS locations and services.

Sincerely,



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