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Mr. Patrick Donahoe
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Dear Mr. Donahoe,

I have received notification that the U.S. Postal Service has decided to transfer all mail processing operations from the Area Mail Processing (AMP) facility in Abilene, Texas into the facilities in Austin and Midland. As you know, closing this facility will affect over 100 workers and will have a major economic impact in the Abilene community.

USPS has estimated that the consolidation will result in annual savings of \$2,185,889. I request that you provide my office with justification for this figure and data to support your findings. I also ask that you send all relevant documents detailing the financial and operational factors that contributed to the decision to close the Abilene AMP, including but not limited to an analysis of alternative scenarios. Additionally, stakeholders in the Abilene community offered to cover the cost of the lease for the AMP facility for ten years; please provide information detailing how this offer fit into the final determination.

I understand the need to improve the efficiency of and reduce costs in the mail processing network. As first class mail volume continues to decline, it is crucial that USPS begin operating more like a business to reach long-term solvency. The Postal Service must ensure that the future of mail delivery in the U.S. is on firm footing. I request full transparency and cooperation as you continue this process. Please send all documentation and any questions to David Rokeach in my office at (202) 225-4005 or david.rokeach@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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