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June 5, 2012

Patrick Donahoe
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster Donahoe,

I am writing because I understand that USPS is facing dire financial circumstances and as a result has decided to consolidate 140 Processing and Distribution Centers across the country, including the Southeastern P&DC in Pennsylvania. Further, USPS has identified 48 sites where consolidation efforts will begin this summer and, again, the Southeastern P&DC is on the list. With the Postal Service reporting a \$6.5 billion net loss in the last six months, clearly reform is necessary; however, I am concerned with the utter lack of transparency in the decision-making process, and specifically with the Southeastern P&DC.

Given that the Southeastern P&DC is one of the most efficient mail processing centers in the country, I requested that U.S. Postal Service Inspector General David Williams review the decision-making process, particularly a review of the Area Mail Processing (AMP) study and the data used to draw the conclusion that Southeastern should be consolidated. This review was under way until recently when the Postal Service announced a modified consolidation plan. I have been informed that the Inspector General is no longer able to complete a review given the limited information that he has received from the Postal Service in regards to the modified plan to consolidate the mail processing network. Please consider this letter my formal request that you communicate all necessary information to Inspector General Williams' office in an expedited manner so that he may complete a thorough review.

It has come to my attention that originating mail will be leaving Southeastern P&DC around August 11, 2012, with destinating mail and the remaining consolidation activities to follow over the next several months. Recognizing the 10 week window between now and August 11, this matter requires your urgent attention. I am specifically requesting that you work with the Inspector General's office to allow them access to the AMP studies used to make this consolidation decision as well as the Run-Plan Generator data. Additionally, I would like to know what other options were considered during the decision-making process, aside from consolidating Southeastern P&DC into Philadelphia P&DC. With hundreds of jobs on the line and important mail processing questions left unanswered, I expect open and transparent communication with the Inspector General Williams' office so that the review may be completed prior to the August consolidation date.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to continuing to work with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick Meehan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Meehan
Member of Congress

CC: U.S. Postal Service Inspector General David Williams