

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe
Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

It has come to my attention that 14 mail processing employees, who are part of the Postal Automated Redirection System unit in the Postal Service's Dayton Mail & Processing Distribution Center (P&DC), will be relocated to the Columbus Mail & Processing Distribution Center (P&DC).

While I understand the difficult financial situation the Postal Service is facing and that the shifting and consolidation of one piece of the Postal Service's processing operations does not equal the total consolidation of a processing facility, this realignment appears to be inconsistent with the spirit of the moratorium on closures and consolidations that was agreed upon between members of the United States Senate and the Postal Service. I am concerned that this realignment may be representative of other organizational changes occurring throughout Ohio.

The Senate is working to pass legislation that will help the Postal Service return to solvency. In the meantime, these relocations prejudice consolidations or infrastructure realignments as in the instance of the Dayton P& DC. Going forward with consolidations and infrastructure, or personnel realignments while refusing to acknowledge or discuss these actions with Members of Congress is unacceptable and should be immediately halted.

Additionally, I have serious concerns with the Postal Service proceeding with major changes to its network without stakeholders being able to review and take under consideration the Postal Regulatory Commission's Advisory Opinion on service standard changes.

Given these concerns, I urge you to halt this relocation and other potentially questionable reorganizations until the moratorium – aimed at giving Congress time to pass postal reform legislation – is completed. Thank you for your prompt review and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator