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The Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe
Postmaster General of the United State Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Room 10022
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

The City of Dayton has tried to be a good partner to the United States Postal Service as you have worked through the process of evaluating organizational assets. We too are a government organization looking to reduce costs and create efficiencies. However, we do not believe that we have received the same courtesy from you during this process.

In a July 27, 2011 letter we requested that the USPS keep us abreast of the feasibility process as it is of great concern to our citizens. In a November 2, 2011 letter we stated our frustration at how the USPS has neglected the local community in process and requested that we be able to review the data from which the USPS was making its decisions. In that too we were ignored.

We were relieved when, in December, the USPS agreed to a five-month moratorium on closing postal facilities so that we could have a chance to gather information and support the employees who would be affected. When we learned that the USPS intends to relocate a number of workers immediately, we were deeply disheartened. If the USPS has not violated the moratorium in letter, it has certainly been violated in spirit.

We strongly support Senator Brown's legislation, the *Postal Service Protection Act* which seeks to protect the high quality service on which our citizens have come to rely. We believe that hasty or ill-advised closures will have a significant impact on our community. Not only are we concerned about the jobs that could be directly affected, but we need to ensure that we will continue to receive the same postal services that currently exist. The Dayton region is home to the State's largest single site employer as well as many other businesses. As we continue to work to encourage growth and development, lackluster mail service could set back or discourage business in our region.

We respectfully request that you honor the moratorium and leave our local distribution center intact until Congress can have time to consider postal reform legislation.

Sincerely,



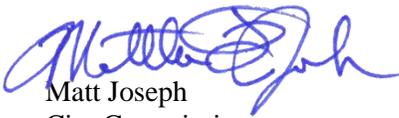
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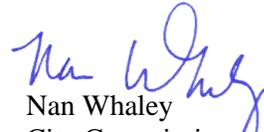
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