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The Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
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Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

I am writing to express my concern about the imminent closing of the Broad Avenue Post Office in Albany, Georgia.

I understand the United States Postal Service's (USPS) lease had expired on the Broad Avenue location and that the USPS had decided not to renew it. While I am aware of the financial challenges that the USPS is currently facing and am a strong proponent of postal reform legislation, I am troubled by the lack of notification my office and local businesses received about the closing.

I also am concerned about the negative impact the closure will have on Albany and the surrounding communities. For example, many businesses in downtown Albany use post office boxes at the Broad Avenue Post Office. A change in venue will result in a financial hardship for these businesses as they now will be required to change their large inventory of business stationery.

In light of the foregoing, I would respectfully request that you provide me with your financial justifications behind your decision to close the Broad Avenue Post Office, as well as your plans for finding employment for the post office employees at the location. I also am interested in learning if the USPS plans to open another post office in Albany to replace the Broad Avenue location.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress