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The Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe
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Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

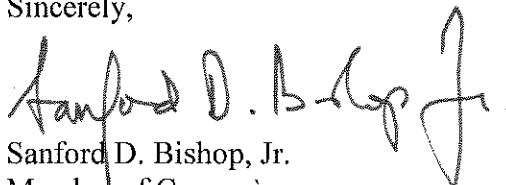
I am writing to forward the attached correspondence from Charles Hadsock, Mayor of Climax, Georgia, concerning the closure of the Climax Post Office and its replacement with a Village Post Office. Mayor Hadsock is concerned about a number of claims that the USPS has made regarding the negotiations over the Climax Post Office's lease as well as the economic impact of the post office's closure.

I mentioned in an earlier letter that I am aware of the financial challenges that the USPS is currently facing and am a strong proponent of postal reform legislation. Nevertheless, I am still troubled by the lack of notification my office and local businesses have received about the USPS' not renewing the leases of post offices throughout Georgia's Second Congressional District.

I would greatly appreciate a response to Mayor Hadsock's letter as well as any information you can provide as to the potential impact on customer service from the closure of the Climax, Georgia Post Office and its replacement with a Village Post Office. I also would appreciate a clarification as to the USPS' emergency powers to close post offices and what precedents there are for the use of economic duress as a justification for the termination of leases.

With kind regards I am

Sincerely,


Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
Member of Congress