

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Ms. Megan Brennan
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and Executive Vice President
United States Postal Service
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Washington, D.C. 20260-0061

Mr. Kevin McAdams
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United States Postal Service
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Re: Closure of Williamsport and Scranton Processing and Distribution Facilities

Dear Ms. Brennan and Mr. McAdams:

We write to express our concerns about the results of recent Area Mail Processing (AMP) studies that support the closure of the Williamsport and Scranton Processing and Distribution Facilities (PD&F).

Although we applaud the United States Postal Service (USPS) for attempting to find ways to increase efficiency and financial viability, we believe that closing these two facilities is not the answer.

The closures would seriously impact the USPS's reputation for customer service and prompt delivery as the closures would impede the USPS's ability to effectuate next-day delivery throughout the Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania regions. This could have drastic consequences for Pennsylvanians who rely on the USPS to deliver life-saving prescription drugs as well as those who depend on the USPS to pay their bills promptly, as the delivery delay may result in the incurrence of late fees or require them to pay their bills earlier than normal, which would squeeze already tight household budgets at a time when Americans can afford it least. Additionally, in the event of a national security emergency, such as an attack on America's cyber infrastructure or a prolonged shutdown of the electrical grid, the USPS's prompt delivery of important emergency information and news would be vital to keep Americans safe and informed. The closure of these two facilities would greatly impede the USPS's ability to perform that function.

We strongly encourage you to keep the Williamsport and Scranton PD&Fs open in order to ensure the continued prompt mail delivery and customer service to which Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania residents have become accustomed. If you would like to discuss this issue further, please contact either of our legislative assistants, Attorney Matt Minora, at (202) 225-3731 or at matt.minora@mail.house.gov; or Thomas Lamberti, at (202) 225-6511 or at thomas.lamberti@mail.house.gov.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,



Tom Marino
Member of Congress



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Member of Congress