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The Honorable Louis DeJoy Postmaster General United State Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy,

As Councilwoman for the Town of Hempstead's 3^{rd} District, I write today on behalf of the residents of Atlantic Beach to urge you to reconsider the closing of the Atlantic Beach Post Office. The Atlantic Beach community is a tight-knit collection of neighbors and families who have longstanding roots ingrained in the village's sandy shores. At the center of it all is the symbol of our community: the Atlantic Beach Post Office – a communal building providing an essential municipal service.

Established on October 25, 1928, the Atlantic Beach Post Office remains the community's "most trusted government agency" according to a local survey. If we move forward with the closure of the Atlantic Beach Post Office, residents would be forced to travel to the Long Beach Post Office which already suffers from overcrowding. Even worse, the other option is to travel into the Five Towns area which requires paying a recently increased toll when crossing the Atlantic Beach Bridge both ways.

I am submitting the following questions regarding the potential closing of the Atlantic Beach Post Office:

- 1. Could you explain, if it's true, why this post office is closing?
- 2. Where would the new location be?
- 3. Have there been any considerations about disruptions to services for those with disabilities and senior citizens?
- 4. Will the employees of this post office be relocated to the new location?

Removing a well-utilized post office from a community with ties to it is unusual and questionable. I once again request that you reconsider the decision to close the Atlantic Beach Post Office. Thank you for your time, and if you need any assistance regarding this area of the Town of Hempstead, please feel free to contact me and my office by emailing Mmiller@HempsteadNY.gov.

Sincerely,

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