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John E. Potter  
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Dear Postmaster General Potter:

Recently, my District Director and Legislative Assistant attended a Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Postal Service. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possible closure of the Niles Post Office, located at 160 J Street in Fremont, CA 94536. The number of constituents who attended to express their support for the post office was overwhelming, and I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the need for the Niles Post Office to remain open.

A large part of the Niles District is made up of senior citizens. The elderly not only value this post office for its pedestrian-friendly location, but many depend on it as they do not have access to a car or cannot travel longer distances. At the meeting, representatives of the USPS said that Niles could be "consolidated" with the main post office in Fremont and two other independent retail services, all of which are several miles away. This is not a feasible alternative for many constituents, not to mention that the main post office already suffers from insufficient parking and long wait times.

The closure of the Niles Post Office will have a negative economic impact upon both the city and the Niles community. The City of Fremont is investing millions of dollars in re-development projects within and around Niles. Small businesses in the Niles District use this post office to send and receive shipments and correspondence. Just last year, several new P.O. boxes were installed in the post office. All of these efforts will suffer if the Niles Post Office closes, and the impact will be keenly felt during these difficult economic times.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience, including when a decision will be reached regarding the status of the Niles Post Office.

I understand the Postal Service is facing financial difficulties, but I urge you to keep this post office open. The City of Fremont and the Niles District depend on it.

Sincerely,



Pete Stark  
Member of Congress