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The Honorable Mark Meadows
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations
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Dear Chairman Meadows,

Thank you for visiting Cherrybell Post Office Processing and Distribution Center in my Congressional District last week. My constituents and I appreciate your words of support and your pledge to work together to prevent job loss, mailing delays and prolonged uncertainty in Tucson and surrounding areas.

In June of this year, I wrote to the Chairman and Ranking member on Oversight and Government Reform requesting they include language to prevent further consolidations of postal facilities in any postal reform legislation. Unfortunately, current draft legislation will not sufficiently protect postal facilities from costly and unwarranted consolidation.

Given your stated support for preventing the adverse impacts associated with further consolidation and the closure of Cherrybell, will you support adding language to any postal reform bill to explicitly prevent these consolidations?

The United States Postal Service is critical to small businesses, millions of Americans' jobs and is especially important to rural areas across the country. Postal delays are not merely a nuisance – they can have harmful health impacts and hamper businesses' most fundamental operations, such as meeting their payroll. It is vital that any reform bill includes clear language to prevent harmful consolidations.

Once again, I appreciate you spending time in my district to tour and discuss the importance of Cherrybell. Consequently, I would like to ensure this opportunity results in specific action to prevent the closure of this needed facility and I'd like to offer my staff's assistance in working on specific language to be included in a postal reform bill.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

CC: The Honorable Jason Chaffetz, Chairman, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
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