## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20510

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Megan Brennan Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

We are writing to request a timely resolution of ongoing issues at the Post Office in Forest Grove, Oregon. As you know, the facility where the Forest Grove Post Office is located has been plagued by a multitude of structural and mechanical deficits, including plumbing, heating, and electrical issues, as well as problems with the building's exterior facade.

Like other cities across the region, Forest Grove is experiencing significant growth. The city boasts a lively downtown business district, a thriving university, and a significant agricultural community. Forest Grove's sole postal facility plays an integral role in the local economy, supports the livelihood of postal workers and letter carriers, and gives Forest Grove residents important access to efficient and reliable mail delivery.

We are aware of the significant costs associated with moving to a new building and understand that USPS plans to continue leasing the current facility. In light of these plans, we encourage the Postal Service to work quickly to resolve the building's maintenance issues to ensure a safe workplace and efficient customer experience. Additionally, we encourage USPS to give full consideration to the concerns of Forest Grove Post Office employees—including going beyond minimal standards—when planning and making repairs to the facility.

We recognize the work USPS has already done to assess the issues with this building and look forward to swift resolution of these concerns. In that light, we request that USPS provide our offices with a summary and timeline for completion of needed facility improvements. We appreciate your shared appreciation for the importance of making the Forest Grove Post Office a safe, comfortable workplace and a quality postal facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

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