

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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TOWN SUPERVISOR

To: Fellow Town Board Members

From: Sheila M. Meegan, Town Supervisor

Date: March 8, 2012

Re: Opposition To The Closing Of The United States Postal Service William Street Facility

Per the attached communication, we join with the Erie County Association of Town Clerks, Receivers and Collectors of Taxes and would like to go on record in vigorous opposition to the closing of the United States Postal Service William Street Facility in Buffalo, New York.

Our concerns focus on the adverse effect this proposed closing will have on the business portion of our duties, as well as all local business within our communities.

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ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION
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RECEIVERS AND COLLECTORS OF TAXES

January 11, 2012

Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe
Postmaster General of the United States of America
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260-3500

Re: Buffalo, NY Processing and Distribution Center (P/DC)

Honorable Postmaster General:

At the January 10th, 2012 meeting of the Erie County Association of Tax Receivers'/Collectors and Town Clerks' the proposed closing of the United States Postal Service William Street Facility in Buffalo, New York and the recently held public hearing was an agenda item.

Our Association voted unanimously to go on the record in vigorous opposition to the closing of the Buffalo Processing and Distribution Center. As elected Town Clerks and Tax Receivers we represent the entire population of Erie County (outside of the City of Buffalo), New York. It is our professional opinion that this closing will have a negative impact on the quality of life of the residents of Erie County and severely obstruct the smooth operation in our Town Clerk and Tax offices.

Our concerns focus on the adverse effect this proposed closing will have on the business portion of our duties, as well as all local business within our communities. Any delay in the delivery of our license renewals, daily required mailings and Town, County and School Tax Bills is an unjustified impediment to the discharge of our duties and a complete disservice to our customers.

In the daily operation of our offices we provide information and intervention to address the multitude of questions and concerns from residents. These include requirements for handicapped permits and contact information to apply for needed assistance. It is because of our close interaction that we know residents, especially Senior Citizens, are concerned about any delay in receiving their required medication by mail.

As front line representatives of our communities, we witness on a daily basis the heavy toll the current economic climate has taken on the quality of life for many residents. The closing of this facility, the loss of hundreds of jobs and the resulting

service delivery delays would only add additional burdens to an already hard hit local economy.

We would also like to issue a formal complaint that the USPS Public Hearing held January 4, 2012 at the JFK School in Cheektowaga, NY was poorly advertised thereby limiting awareness of this critical issue and people's ability to voice their opinion.

In closing, The Erie County Association of Town Clerks/Tax Receivers and Collectors are adamantly opposed to the closing of the Buffalo Processing and Distribution Center. We ask that our recorded opposition to this proposal be made part of the public record. We regret that such a drastic action could even be under consideration and respectfully request a thorough review and re-consideration in this matter.

Thank you for your time, attention, review and consideration.

In The Spirit of Good Government,

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