Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 20, 2015

The Honorable Megan Brennan
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

We are writing to request a joint meeting between you and members of Oregon's Congressional delegation to discuss the United States Postal Service's plan to consolidate mail processing facilities, as well as the future of mail delivery standards for our country. We have concerns that moving forward on closing processing facilities will cause delays in on-time delivery, hurt local businesses, eliminate middle class jobs, and impair the Postal Service's long-term viability.

As you know, three mail processing facilities in Oregon are set to close by the end of July 2015, which will leave only two mail processing facilities in the state. Oregon communities depend on reliable and quick mail delivery to support local business, receive medications, keep up with current events, and to vote. We would like to better understand how USPS intends to meet the timely needs of our constituents, if mail processing facility consolidations continue and service standard times are extended.

We understand that USPS has already started to consolidate mail processing facilities, with Bend and Pendleton plants set to close by mid-April. Due to the urgency of these pending closures and the severe ramifications for our state, we would like to schedule a meeting with you as soon as possible. Senator Merkley's scheduler, Jennifer Piorkowski, can coordinate scheduling on behalf of the delegation and can be reached at (202)-224-3753, or via email at Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov.

Thank you for your immediate attention to our request and we look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

Jeff Merkley
United States Senator

Ron Wyden
United States Senator

Peter DeFazio
Member of Congress

Earl Blumenauer
Member of Congress

Greg Walden
Member of Congress

Kurt Schrader
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Suzanne Bonamici
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