Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. David Steiner Postmaster General United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 10804 Washington, DC 20260-3500

Dear Mr. Steiner,

We write to strongly object to the U.S. Postal Service's recent decision to terminate the retail service contract with Contract Postal Unit (CPU) #323, located at 818 N Hill Street in the Chinatown neighborhood of Los Angeles, California.

This CPU has served as a vital access point for postal services in one of Los Angeles's most densely populated and culturally significant communities. Chinatown is home to thousands of seniors, low-income residents, and individuals who face barriers such as limited mobility, language access, and inadequate transportation options. The sudden closure of this CPU would disproportionately impact these vulnerable populations.

We understand that CPUs are independently operated under contract, and that the CPU operator currently incurs all staffing and operational costs. Despite minimal expenses to the Postal Service, USPS is moving forward with terminating the contract. Given the CPU's longstanding role in filling a service gap, this decision raises serious concerns about the balance between USPS's financial goals and its public service mission.

On behalf of our constituents, we demand that USPS conduct or share any existing Community Impact Assessment regarding this closure decision. A proper evaluation should consider the area's unique demographics, language needs, transportation challenges, and overall service demand. Without such an assessment, USPS risks undermining its obligations to ensure equitable access to essential services—especially in historically underserved neighborhoods.

We strongly urge USPS to reconsider this closure. Business-driven decisions should not come at the expense of communities that rely heavily on localized access to government services. In addition, USPS should pause termination actions until a full community impact review can be completed and considered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response, including details on the community impact review conducted, and whether further dialogue with the CPU operator is possible.

Sincerely,

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