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Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe
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Dear Postmaster General:

I write on behalf of my constituents in Camp Meeker, California, a rural community in western Sonoma County.

Camp Meeker is an unincorporated community of approximately 350 households, which has been served by the Postal Service since 1900, most recently in a modular unit. The Postal Service has long indicated that Camp Meeker is on the list of post offices slated for possible closure or reduction in service, and the community has engaged with the post office to discuss possible solutions. Since a flooding incident in June, however, the Camp Meeker post office has been closed and local USPS representatives indicate permanent closure is a possibility.

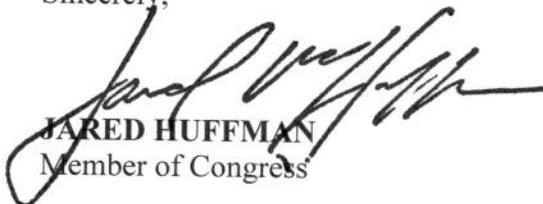
I am strongly opposed to the closure of the Camp Meeker Post Office, and I encourage USPS to take prompt action to complete needed repairs and reopen the Post Office immediately.

Moreover, we are also concerned about the very limited hours during which Camp Meeker residents may pick up their mail at the Occidental post office. While the Camp Meeker Post Office is unavailable, we respectfully request improved mail access for community members.

Many Camp Meeker families have contacted my office to express their strong support for continued operation of the Post Office. We have heard from senior citizens who rely on the Post Office for access to medication, Social Security checks and other essential information. Furthermore, many seniors lack transportation and would be disproportionately affected by reduced services in Camp Meeker.

While I understand that the Post Office must pursue needed reforms to provide for long-term sustainability, I encourage you to ensure rural communities retain their essential services. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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