

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-0705**

February 5, 2009

Mrs. Terry Laslo  
28 Old Bethel Road  
Hawleyville, CT 06440

Dear Mrs. Laslo,

Thank you for contacting me about the Hawleyville Post Office. I appreciate your correspondence and hope you find this response helpful.

I am pleased to announce that, on February 3, 2009, I received confirmation from the United States Postal Service that the funding request for a replacement facility in Hawleyville was approved. While I have been involved in this matter since 2007, the most promising developments occurred in the last week of January. After a week of frenzied negotiation, I was able to help the various parties find a solution that would benefit both the Postal Service and area residents. This is the final requirement needed to ensure a move to a new location in the community. The approved funding will provide for new space, as well as a long-term lease, which will mean a continued and vibrant Postal Service presence in Hawleyville.

This is a tremendous victory for Hawleyville, and a shining example of how a community rallying together for a common cause can make a difference. I am thrilled to have been a part of this effort, and I look forward to joining Hawleyville residents to celebrate their new post office location.

The United States Postal Service anticipates a late summer opening for the new facility. Although the current Hawleyville Post Office closes on February 14, the Postal Service has assured me that there will be no interruption of mail delivery. Hawleyville postal customers – including post office box customers – will continue to use their Hawleyville addresses. Until the new facility opens, post office boxes will be relocated, and delivery and retail service for Hawleyville will be handled at the post office on Commerce Road.

Please be assured that I remain in close contact with the United States Postal Service regarding this situation and I intend to hold them to their commitment open a new facility in Hawleyville.

Thank you again for contacting me about this matter. I appreciate hearing from you and assure you that I will always do my best to represent the views of my constituents in Congress. In the future, please do not hesitate to call at (202) 225-4476 or contact me through my website at [www.chrismurphy.house.gov](http://www.chrismurphy.house.gov), where you can sign up to receive updates through *MurphMail*, my electronic newsletter.

Every best wish,

  
Christopher S. Murphy

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