

January 28, 2009

The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy
1 Grove Street, Suite 225
New Britain, CT 06053

Dear Congressman Murphy:

I am writing to express my deepest concern regarding the scheduled closing of the Hawleyville Post Office in Newtown, Connecticut.

As you know, the Hawleyville Post Office has served Newtown and surrounding communities for over a century, and has established a reputation of being one of Connecticut's finest postal landmarks.

A number of concerns have been brought to my attention regarding the closing of this facility. Our constituents are concerned that closing this facility will be a great inconvenience and that customers will begin using private vendors such as UPS and FedEx for their postal needs, just to name a few.

Over and over again, I have been asked to step-in to assist with the protection and preservation of the services this office provides our community. Understanding this is a federal issue, I have referred these comments and complaints to your office.

I am, however, writing to urge you to do everything in your power to persuade the United States Postal Service and the Housatonic Railroad Company to re-open negotiations to extend the current lease. If this is not feasible, I am requesting that you encourage the USPS to move to a new location in the vicinity of the current Hawleyville Post Office.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 240-8512.

All my best,

Christopher B. Lyddy
State Representative

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