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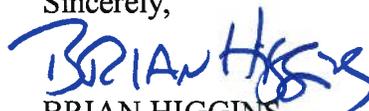
I write to urge you to bring the Senate-passed bill S. 1789, the "21st Century Postal Service Act of 2012", to the Floor for immediate consideration by the House of Representatives.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) is in crisis. But its reaction to fiscal trouble has been to target for closure hundreds of mail processing facilities across the country while eliminating thousands of retail post offices, counterproductive measures in my estimation. The Senate legislation would make important progress towards addressing some of the long term cost drivers of the USPS in a way that would preserve many of these facilities. This bill, while not perfect, is an advantageous opportunity to advance postal reform through Congress.

S. 1789 would benefit Western New York, where the William Street processing facility in Buffalo employs approximately 700 people. These workers provide an essential service to the people and businesses of my community and have been recognized by the USPS for their quality and community outreach to improve the retail business. This facility is slated for consolidation and -- unless the Senate bill is passed -- over the next few months would be consolidated into another location.

The existing USPS plan would devastate communities and hurt our economy. I implore you to act quickly to save the millions of jobs, at both USPS and private companies, that are at risk unless the Senate legislation is signed into law.

Sincerely,



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