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Postmaster General Donahoe:

I'm writing regarding the recent announcement by the United States Postal Service (USPS) that you are considering closing the Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Carroll and Creston facilities. I'm extremely disappointed by this announcement, given that this could lead to jobs lost in these communities.

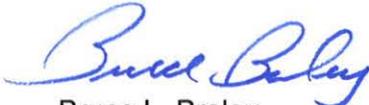
I would like answers to the following questions:

- Has the USPS determined how many jobs will be lost as a result of closing the Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Carroll and Creston facilities?
 - If so, please provide me with that analysis, with breakdowns for each individual facility.
 - In addition, I would like to know how many of the employees who will lose their jobs are part time and how many are full time.
 - If you do not have an analysis, why not, and when does the USPS intend to determine this?
- Has the USPS determined what the net job loss will be in Iowa, if these closures move forward?
 - If so, what has the USPS determined?
 - If you do not have this analysis, why not, and when does the USPS intend to determine this?

I urge you to delay any closures until full analyses of job losses are complete, Iowans are given an opportunity to provide public comment, and only if you can justify why layoffs are acceptable during these tough economic times. I'm strongly opposed to any plan that puts Iowans out of work.

Please reply to my request within 10 business days. Feel free to contact me if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,


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