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Mr. Louis DeJoy Postmaster General United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260

Subject: Reno Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC)

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I find it necessary to correspond with you for the second day in a row regarding serious concerns about the United States Postal Service's (USPS) proposed changes to Nevada's Reno Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) on Vassar Street. First, it is clear that the USPS must host another public meeting in Washoe County to allow for more comments and concerns to be heard on the proposed changes to Reno's P&DC. Just as important, your commitment to making no changes to operations at the Reno P&DC until calendar year 2025 is specifically requested hereby.

As you know, there is widespread interest in Western Nevada regarding changes to aspects of mail processing at the Reno P&DC, so much so that another public meeting is needed, given the hurried original comment deadline. Now that state and federal officials in Washoe County are fully aware, another public meeting is necessary. It is apparent the Postal Service has a robust appetite for changes. What is also clear is that the Postal Service has very little appetite for fully understanding local impacts regarding the impacts they have on private commerce, elections, and the outlook of future operations.

Accordingly, I request the USPS schedule a public input meeting in Reno no later than April 30th of this year. Of course, an April meeting must be preceded by full disclosure of the USPS's facts, theories, and rationale to support changes to the Reno P&DC. So far, that information has been mysterious to everyone outside of USPS.

I have been told this proposal was generated by you personally. You need to know that over the course of the week I have tried to gather information supporting your reasoning for the proposed changes; your team has been incredibly difficult to work with. Astonishingly, someone on your staff told me I can't schedule a walk through or a briefing until we meet with Senators Jacky Rosen and Catherine Cortez Masto at the same time, because apparently fact finding is political. Wow, never heard that one before. In all seriousness, Mr. Postmaster General, whoever on your staff is the political advisor that attributed fact finding to be exclusively an adventure for political advantage is a genius or way off base.

Kindly respond to the above by close of business on **March 1**st, **2024**. If you have any questions, please contact me personally. I left my personal cell number through your Congressional relations office. We look forward to hearing from you and continuing to work with you on this matter.

Cordially,

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Member of Congress

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