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Mayor Submits Citizen Petition Opposing Post Office Plan To Close Historic Downtown Location

New Bedford, Massachusetts—In a strongly-worded letter Mayor Jon Mitchell appealed the United States Postal Service’s decision to proceed with the relocation of retail services from the historic Downtown New Bedford Post Office at 695 Pleasant Street.

In addition to his letter, the Mayor submitted a petition signed by citizens expressing their opposition to the Postal Service plan.

“I believe the move is unwise, short-sighted, and potentially disruptive to the strong resurgence of activity that New Bedford’s downtown has enjoyed over the past several years,” said the Mayor.

At the suggestion of the New Bedford City Council, the Mayor invited the public to sign the citizen petition protesting the planned closure. Nearly 200 signatures were collected in the lobby of City Hall over the past several weeks.

The Mayor added, “The decision makers at the Postal Service should know that the Mayor, the City Council, and the people of New Bedford stand united on this issue.”

In addition, U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey and U.S. Representative William R. Keating have also co-signed a letter that urges the Postal Service to reverse its decision and expresses support for maintaining the existing Pleasant Street Post Office.

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