

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20510

May 15, 2014

Patrick R. Donahoe  
Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW  
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Donahoe:

In March, the United States Postal Service announced plans to eliminate New Bedford's main post office, currently located at 695 Pleasant Street in the city. The plan would reassign the Pleasant Street location's back office responsibilities to the USPS facility located on Mount Pleasant Street and move the office's retail operations to a smaller, yet-to-be-determined location elsewhere within the city.

We wish to express our strong opposition to this proposal and our support for maintaining the existing Pleasant Street post office. This post office – housed in the historic Honorable Judge George N. Leighton Post Office Building, named in honor of a former U.S. District Judge and a New Bedford native – is located in downtown New Bedford, and plays a vital role in the surrounding neighborhood. New Bedford community members and city officials have expressed serious opposition to the relocation plan and the impact it would have on the city and its residents.

We understand that the Postal Service is confronting a range of challenges, and that measures must be taken to adapt. But this proposal will hurt USPS's ability to serve New Bedford and will undermine the Postal Service's important contributions to New Bedford's downtown. We respectfully request that USPS reverse this decision and work to maintain the existing Pleasant Street post office.

Sincerely



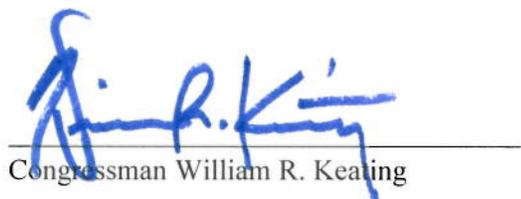
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Congressman William R. Keating