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

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write to request details about the “Mail Processing Facility Review” at the Iron Mountain Processing and Distribution Center in Kingsford, Michigan. On February 1, 2024, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced the initial results of this “Review” to inform potential changes at the Iron Mountain facility.<sup>1</sup> I am concerned about the potential impact of these changes and ask that USPS provide full transparency and ensure no negative impacts on local mail service.

USPS has situated the Iron Mountain facility “Review” within broader national plans for changes to its processing and delivery network, which include transferring some operations at regional facilities to nearby facilities, with the stated goal of improving efficiency and service. On December 5, 2023, I requested information about these national plans, including the scope of the plans and how USPS has studied their impacts.<sup>2</sup> In line with USPS’s mission of reliably serving every community, it must ensure transparency and substantiate that any changes will not adversely impact service. USPS must respond in full to that request.

In its “Review” of the Iron Mountain facility, USPS has proposed changes including “transferring some mail processing operations” to a facility in Green Bay, while maintaining “destinating” (inbound) operations in Kingsford and investing in facility upgrades. I acknowledge that USPS plans to keep the facility open and has promised there will be “no career employee layoffs as part of this initiative.”

However, I am concerned about the potential impacts of this proposal and request more information. It is critical to ensure that any USPS changes will not adversely impact service or

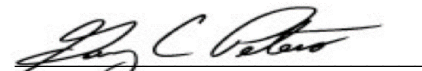
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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Postal Service, *Initial Findings Document: Mail Processing Facility Review, Iron Mountain P&DC in Kingsford, MI* (Feb. 1, 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Chairman Gary C. Peters to Postmaster General DeJoy, U.S. Postal Service (Dec. 5, 2023) (available at <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/media/dems/peters-presses-for-transparency-on-potential-impacts-of-postal-services-network-plan/>).

harm local employees. On-time mail delivery is essential for rural communities in Michigan, who rely on mail for financial documents, correspondence, prescriptions, the needs of local businesses and governments, and more. I request a briefing as soon as possible, no later than February 27, to understand further details about this proposal, including how USPS has studied potential impacts on mail service, how this would affect local postal employees, and how USPS will assess this proposal based on community feedback moving forward. I also urge USPS to promptly and accessibly schedule its public meeting on this proposal and remain open to community input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary C. Peters", written over a horizontal line.

Gary C. Peters  
Chairman