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February 15, 2013

Mr. Russ Rainey
Vice President, Facilities
US Postal Service Facilities Office
7500 E. 53rd Ave., Room 1108
Denver, CO 80266-9918

RE: Future Plans for the Main Post Office in Blue Springs, Missouri

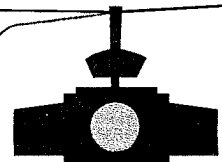
Dear Mr. Rainey,

In response to your letter to Mayor Carson Ross, City of Blue Springs dated February 1, 2013 whereby you have indicated any member of the community may appeal the decision of the Postal Service to close the Main Post Office and relocate to the Carrier Annex on South Avenue, please accept this letter as the formal appeal of this decision by Downtown Alive!

Downtown Alive is a 501c3 which was formed primarily for the revitalization of the Downtown Blue Springs district. This group has the support of many businesses, both small and large, and many individuals within the downtown district and in other areas of Blue Springs. We are very disappointed in the decision of the Postal Service to leave the downtown district, at a time when we are trying to encourage redevelopment of this area. This definitely sends a negative message to potential investors and those who may be considering relocating their business to downtown Blue Springs.

The fact that the Post Office is located downtown has been a positive influence in encouraging citizens to come downtown to shop and businesses to locate here. There is traffic flow to the downtown area because of the Post Office. By vacating the Main Post Office, we are concerned of the detrimental impact to our local downtown businesses.

We are also concerned for the safety of our citizens. The area in which the Carrier Annex is located lacks adequate sidewalks and traffic signals. Without infrastructure improvements, the Carrier Annex is not easily accessible and presents safety hazards. We are concerned that our citizens will have to fund the infrastructure improvements which will become necessary and inevitable.



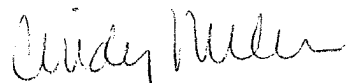
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These are difficult times and we understand the Postal Service is working towards a "facility optimization program" according to your presentation to the City Council on December 3, 2012, however we ask that you re-consider the expense associated with improvements that must be made to the Carrier Annex location prior to closing the Main Post Office. If closed, the Main Post Office will become yet another vacant building, listed for sale in our downtown district.

We ask that the Postal Service please reconsider its plan to close the Main Post Office based on the negative impact to downtown Blue Springs and the entire community who is in support of our efforts to revitalize this area. If the decision is final after your further assessment, we ask that at a minimum you would please consider leaving a presence in our downtown district, perhaps in the form of a Village Post Office, which was mentioned during your City Council presentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to appeal your decision and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cindy Miller".

Cindy Miller
President