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John (Jack) E. Potter
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr. Potter:

I am aware of the USPS's \$2.8 billion loss last year and the economic downturn, but I am not convinced that closing the Post Office at the Colonialtown location is the best way to proceed. I have been a long-time supporter of the U.S. Postal service, and one of the first initiatives I supported as a Member of Congress was to help the Postal Service keep locations open and support its efforts to stay solvent. Specifically, I cosponsored and voted for HR 22 which changes the prepaying of health benefits, and HR 658 which requires more notice and procedure before closing a branch.

Ultimately, these closings are not only bad for the Post Office's customers, but they debilitate the infrastructure of public trust which is most important to the Post Office and our government. The Post Office has always been one of the most popular institutions of the government besides the military, and perhaps an infusion of funds would be preferable to closings.

While we may not be able to stop all the closings, I feel we should make a concerted effort to stop at least one of these closings. Based on my discussion with constituents, the most popular and least worthy of being closed is the Colonialtown location. If this is closed, customers will have to cross Highway 50 which has heavy traffic, and many of the elderly customers cannot walk to the next location.

Thank you for reviewing my request and reconsidering closing this important location. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or David Bagby of my staff at 202-225-2176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Grayson".

Alan Grayson
Member of Congress