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The Honorable Louis DeJoy  
Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W., Room 10300  
Washington, D.C. 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I am writing today concerning the USPS Delivering for America plan that has caused major concern for constituents in the First District of Oklahoma.

The changes proposed, including the repurposing of the Tulsa Processing and Distribution Center, concern customers living in northeast Oklahoma. Many constituents have expressed concern that the plan will cause delays, due to mail being routed through Oklahoma City and then returning to Tulsa for further processing/sorting and delivery. Many constituents receive medical treatments and other time sensitive items through the mail. Furthermore, I am especially concerned for the welfare of our veteran community, who often receive medication and other items from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

My staff attended the public meeting put on by the Postal Service in Tulsa on March 7. During that meeting and in public statements, USPS has assured the public that service times will not be impacted. However, it is difficult to believe that constituents will experience no additional delays under the plan considering the additional distance, over 200 miles roundtrip, that mail from the Tulsa area will have to travel, by being routed to Oklahoma City before returning to the Tulsa area. For this reason, I request that USPS be more transparent by sharing with the public the basis on which they are making their assurances to customers of the USPS.

Many constituents in the First District rely on postal services for their business, medication, and other necessities. As one of the few services of government explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, Americans expect that postal delivery should be efficient, cost-effective, and timely. I hope that your response will reassure my constituents that this quality of service will not change under your plan.

Sincerely,



Kevin Hern  
Member of Congress