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Congress of the United States

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June 15, 2006

William P. Galligan
Chief Operating Officer
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475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 10804
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Dear Mr. Galligan:

I write to again express my concerns regarding the United States Postal Service mail consolidation study for Yakima, Washington.

First, I appreciate that the Postal Service responded to my request to hold a public comment session.

While I recognize the importance of operating efficiently to ensure low postal rates, I urge the Postal Service to remain equally committed to increasing the quality of mail service and responding to the concerns of the Yakima community. I am not satisfied that the Postal Service has sufficiently studied the impact consolidation would have on the Yakima community, where mail service is already slower than it should be in some areas.

I remain troubled by the lack of detail provided by the Postal Service in providing a timeline for implementation of the Yakima consolidation study. I urge the Postal Service to seriously consider today's public comments – and respond fully to each concern voiced. Finally, I urge the Postal service to exhaust all possibilities that would allow retention of the Yakima postmark in name should consolidation be implemented.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and I look forward to continuing to work with you so that this may be resolved in a way that meets the needs of the Yakima community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doc Hastings".

Doc Hastings
Member of Congress

cc: John E. Potter, United States Postmaster General
Dale Zinser, United States Postal Service District Manager