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Mr. Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
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Washington, D.C. 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write again regarding the lack of transparency and communication from the United States Postal Service (USPS) regarding the reopening of the post office in West Paris, Maine. It has now been three years since the USPS closed the facility, requiring residents of West Paris and neighboring communities to travel an additional seven miles to the next closest USPS facility.

Since USPS announced the closure of the West Paris post office my requests for status updates about the reopening have been met with unsatisfactory and ultimately false responses from your agency. The most substantive update Mainers received was on July 21, 2023, when the USPS said, *"The Postal Service is nearing completion of negotiations for a replacement facility. We anticipate the facility to be fully operational within the next 10 months."* Now, nearly ten months later, not only is the West Paris post office still closed, but there is also no update on whether a lease has even been executed.

While I understand the USPS cannot provide information relating to ongoing negotiations, the lack of transparency and unwillingness to provide information to relay to my constituents who rely on the Postal Service every day is deeply concerning. That is why I am once again asking for an honest and accurate estimated timeline for the reopening of the West Paris Post Office.

My constituents – your customers – deserve to know when their local post office will reopen or at least, if that information is unavailable, what is causing the delay. If your plans to reopen have changed, they deserve to know that too.

I appreciate your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jared F. Golden
Member of Congress