

United States Senate

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Mr. Dean Cameron
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Dear Mr. Cameron:

I am writing to express my opposition to the United States Postal Service's (USPS) proposal to relocate its retail services from the Lihue Post Office to the USPS Carrier Annex facility near Lihue Airport.

I understand and appreciate the need for the USPS to look for ways to improve customer service and be fiscally responsible. Yet, from the information presented before and during the public meeting on February 23, I am concerned because it appears as if the USPS has not been transparent in their decision making process; nor has the USPS laid out their case based on factual information. As a federal agency, it is critical that the USPS remain accountable to the public they serve.

I request that the USPS explore all options before making the drastic decision to close the Lihue Post Office. For instance, I understand that there is a sincere willingness by the County of Kauai to work with the USPS to address the issues of parking and traffic flow. During the time it takes to consider comments and appeals, I strongly encourage the USPS to engage in a meaningful way with the County of Kauai and take action that is in the best interests of the local community. By working together, I remain hopeful that the USPS and the County of Kauai will come up with a creative strategy to achieve a win-win solution.

While I believe direct communication works best, I, and my staff, are available to assist in facilitating discussions between stakeholders if needed. You may contact my state director Alan Yamamoto at 808-522-8970 in this regard.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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