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October 1, 2014

The Honorable Patrick R. Donahoe
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Mr. Donahoe:

I am writing to you to express my utmost concern and disappointment with the United States Postal Service's recent decision to sell the Bronx General Post Office and other post offices recognized by the National Register of Historic Places. One such Post Office that is being considered for sale is the Berkeley Main Post Office, which is situated in my Congressional district. I understand that the United States Postal Service (USPS) faces significant financial challenges and continues to implement a number of reforms to respond to those demands. However, I write to request that you formally announce any details of a possible sale of the Berkeley Main Post Office should USPS make the decision to sell that property.

The Berkeley Main Post Office is a pillar of the downtown area and symbolizes Berkeley's arrival into the modern era. For 97 years, the Berkeley Main Post Office has provided critical postal services to businesses and communities in the area, and I stand with my constituents to say that it should continue to serve the public for decades more.

The public and their elected officials deserve to know when an institution of such value will be sold. Historic buildings are a part of our communities' and USPS's rich history. I strongly urge you to give full and fair consideration to my request for timely notification in the event of the sale of any historic post office in my congressional district.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress