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United States Postal Service

Consumer Advocate; USPS
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Washington, DC 20260-5601

Representative Kevin Kiley
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Rocklin, CA 95765

**Re: Need for Immediate Action Related to Working Conditions at Bridgeport,
California Post Office**

Mr. Martinez, Hon. Kevin Kiley, and Office of the Consumer Advocate,

On September 5, 2023, the Mono County Board of Supervisors sent you a letter requesting urgent assistance to address unsafe working conditions and lack of adequate USPS facilities in Bridgeport, California. I am reaching out today to follow up on that request – as the issues have still not been addressed. There is a need for immediate action as winter approaches and temperatures in Bridgeport at times drop to -20 degrees F during daytime hours. Postal Service employees and the public are at risk!

As you are aware, the Bridgeport Post Office is an essential part of the Bridgeport community and provides services to both residents as well as the Mono County operations and the federally recognized Bridgeport Indian Tribe. This critical community function, along with the health and safety of local postal workers, are at risk due to the damage suffered from the extreme weather events of winter 2023.

Mono County, including the county seat of Bridgeport, was hit by severe snowstorms during the early months of 2023, resulting in local, state, and federal disaster declarations. The Bridgeport Post Office was shut down due to structural damage and broken pipes. During this period, the two Bridgeport Post Office employees were forced to work outside of the building in

temperatures as low as -20 degrees F. This situation remains unchanged as of today and your employees must continue to work in sub-zero temperatures with no running water or functioning restrooms as winter 2024 sets in.


Additionally, we have been made aware that USPS has removed the existing post office boxes from within the post office building due to their non-functionality, then plans to move the temporary boxes into the building once it is repaired. We are concerned that the temporary boxes don't have the same security measures as the previous boxes and will result in the building only being accessible during USPS operating hours. This will be a disservice to this small community that includes retirees, critical government services, as well as a Federally recognized tribe, all of which rely on the USPS for communication and secure mail delivery.

It is important to note that our critical government services that rely on the Bridgeport Post Office include elections, property tax collections, and various public health and welfare functions. We are concerned that the operation of this facility could negatively affect Mono County's ability to provide critical services, particularly considering the Presidential Election scheduled for 2024.

We understand that the intent is to have the building repaired and occupied by the end of this month. Based on the lack of progress on this project and the uncertainty of future operations, we implore the USPS to send facility division staff members immediately to conduct a site visit and assessment on the full functionality of this post office. We need assurance that the same level of accessibility we had before the emergency will be restored. The Bridgeport Post Office is an essential service in our community, and it is not an option to provide subpar postal services in the County seat of Mono County. Please direct any communication to the Mono County Administrative Officer, Sandra Moberly, smoberly@mono.ca.gov, 760-932-5415.

We look forward to your prompt response in addressing this ongoing crisis and finding ways to work together to solve it as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,


Rhonda Duggan (Dec 6, 2023 16:00 PST)

Rhonda Duggan
Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors

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