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Mr. Doug Tulino Acting Postmaster General United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260

Board of Governors United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W. Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Acting Postmaster General Tulino and U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors:

We write to request clarity about the United States Postal Service's (USPS) plan for mail processing operations at Nevada's Reno Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC), and ask for your responses to the specific questions posed in this letter.

On April 23, 2024, USPS officially announced its decision to proceed with its misguided plan to downsize and relocate outgoing mail processing operations from Reno, Nevada to Sacramento, California. After immense pushback from members of Congress, local officials, and the public, USPS agreed to keep local, first-class letter mail processing operations in Reno rather than moving forward with its plan to send local letter mail out of state to Sacramento and back again. In an August 2024 press release that has since been taken down from the USPS website, USPS officials announced that "[t]here will be no change to the location for canceling certain origination mail in Reno. In simpler terms, outgoing single piece mail will continue to be processed at its current location." This statement came after not only months of bipartisan local, state, and federal opposition, but also a lawsuit, Congressional oversight hearings, and multiple bills introduced in Congress to stop the USPS from implementing its controversial plan.

We are therefore alarmed to hear concerns from Nevadans that local, first-class letter mail processing operations may indeed move out of state. It has also been brought to our attention that absentee ballots for recent Tribal elections may have been sent out of state for processing, despite originating in Northern Nevada, which also would be contradictory to the prior commitments that USPS publicly made to Nevadans. The removal of the press release publicly committing the Postal Service to maintaining local, first-class letter mail processing in Reno is further cause for concern. As such, we would like for the Postal Service to reaffirm its commitment to the public to not proceed with its original misguided plan, and provide us with the official USPS policy at the Reno facility with respect to local, first-class letter mail processing.

To ensure the Postal Service is honoring its public commitments, and so our communities can understand the impact to their mail service, we request the following information:

- 1. Does USPS intend to move local, first-class letter mail processing operations from Reno to Sacramento, whereby letters originating in Northern Nevada and addressed to locations in Northern Nevada will be sent from Reno to Sacramento and back again? Does it intend to implement such a plan for flats and parcels?
- 2. Has USPS already moved local, first-class letter mail processing operations from Reno to Sacramento? Has it already done so for flats and parcels?
- 3. Does USPS plan to downsize the Reno P&DC to a Local Processing Center (LPC)? If so, what is the proposed timeline for the downsizing?
- 4. Has USPS given official or unofficial guidance to its workforce to send local, first-class letter mail out of state and back again or to alter operations in a manner that would send out of state any mail both originating in and destined for Nevada?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your prompt response and request that we receive answers to all of the above questions no later than July 8, 2025.

Sincerely,

Jacky Rosen

**United States Senator** 

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United States Senator