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Hon. Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Mr. DeJoy,

As you are aware, the United States Postal Service is considering relocating mail processing and distribution operations currently located in Knoxville, Tenn., to Louisville, Ky. I am concerned about this possibility because, frankly, it makes no sense.

There was hope that the employees whose families would be impacted by such a decision would get additional useful information at a public meeting held by USPS yesterday in my district, but the meeting was a complete waste of time. Worse, the arrogance on display by the USPS and its management during this so-called meeting or listening session is completely unacceptable.

Your staff apparently drove to Knoxville from Nashville and points in between, likely getting paid for mileage and per diem, for a meeting that lasted just over 15 minutes, and at which not a word was uttered in answer to a single one of the many valid questions postal employees asked of their supposed “leadership”.

My staff attended the meeting and reported to me that your staff stared blank-faced at my constituents who were asking legitimate questions, and never even acknowledged that a question was asked, let alone bothered to answer one. Your employees—my constituents—deserve to be treated with more dignity and respect than was on display during this wasteful, useless public spectacle.

If the goal was to simply check a box and move on, then the USPS was successful. If the goal was to make USPS employees and customers feel heard, then the USPS failed miserably.

I want to discuss this further with you in person. My Director of Operations, Denise Lambert, can help schedule a meeting between the two of us in my office. Please have the appropriate person on your staff reach out to her at 865-984-5464 or by emailing TN02scheduling@mail.house.

Respectfully,



Tim Burchett
Member of Congress