

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4803

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Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan
U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Room 10804
Washington, D.C. 20260-3500

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

As you may know, unprecedented storms have recently devastated many communities in my congressional district in West Virginia. Hundreds of homes, buildings, roads, bridges, and more have been severely damaged or washed away entirely. This is being called a "once in a thousand years" event with rainfall of more than a foot in just a few hours.

The destruction from these storms has also forced the closure of many rural post offices due to severe structural damage and extensive flooding. The people in these communities rely on daily access to mail to send and receive essential items like paychecks and medicine – items that are even more critical in times of disaster.

I ask that you and the United States Postal Service do everything possible to expedite the repair of these post offices and restore full operations as soon as reasonably possible. These post offices are critically important to the communities and the people that they serve, and reopening them would provide a great moral boost to your customers.

As of today, Greenbrier, Nicholas, Kanawha, Clay, Fayette, Monroe, Summers, and Roane counties have been declared federal disaster areas by President Obama, and more counties may soon receive a similar designation. I have seen firsthand how these floods have battered these counties, including the severe damage done to the post office in Charmco in Greenbrier County. It is vital that post offices like Charmco be reopened so citizens can be connected with the outside community. These post offices are essential to helping our people get back on their feet and recover from the aftermath of these tragic storms.

West Virginians are experiencing a true crisis. Our people need your assistance to speed up our recovery. I appreciate your help in advance to reopen these post offices as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,



Evan Jenkins
Member of Congress

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