Congress of the United States

House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-2201

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Louis DeJoy Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer United States Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20260

Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write to share my concerns with the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) proposed changes to the Iron Mountain Processing & Distribution Center (P&DC).

On <u>January 10, 2024</u>, USPS announced that it would be conducting a Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) of the Iron Mountain P&DC located in Kingsford, MI. In connection with this review, USPS sought to examine the assets utilized by the Iron Mountain P&DC – including equipment, facilities, staffing, and transportation – and determine whether increased cost savings and greater operational efficiency could be achieved by transferring some of the functions of the Iron Mountain P&DC to the Green Bay P&DC located in Green Bay, WI.

Initial results of the Iron Mountain MPFR, announced on <u>January 22</u>, support the case for repositioning this facility as a Local Processing Center (LPC) and transferring some of its current operations to the Green Bay P&DC. And while I am pleased to see that USPS intends to keep the Iron Mountain facility open, albeit in an updated capacity, I urge the agency to avoid any actions and oppose any changes that would negatively impact local mail operations and services in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The Iron Mountain facility serves as a lifeline for thousands of Yoopers – many of whom are seniors or service-disabled Veterans living in rural and remote areas. These vulnerable communities depend on the timely delivery of their mail, federal benefits, and medications, and disruptions in the receipt of these necessities would be catastrophic.

As USPS moves toward a final decision on the future of the Iron Mountain facility, I respectfully request that the agency give the above concerns – along with those expressed during the upcoming public input meeting – its full and fair consideration.

Sincerely,

Jack Bergman Member of Congress