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Congressman Chaka Fattah
4104 Walnut Street
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Dear Congressman Fattah:

Hello, my name is Gwen Ivey, President of the American Postal Workers Union – Philadelphia Area local #89. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the U. S. Postal Service's intent to close the 30th Street Train Station Post Office, located inside the Train Station. This action could affect your constituents in the community and I ask for your support in opposing the Postal Service's plan to close the Train Station Post Office.

I cannot express upon you what a negative impact the closure of this facility would have on our community. This post office has, for decades, been the hub for rail commuters, i.e. Amtrak and Septa. Its location makes it readily accessible by the commuters, visitors, businesses in station, vendors and customers for stamp sales, post office boxes, package shipping and countless other services without going outside for service. The negative impact this closure would have on our commuters would be immense. If this post office is closed, it will make it inconvenient for commuters while waiting on the departure of their trains to easily go to the post office and complete their personal business. I do not believe that removing this particular postal facility would in any way improve or maintain public accessibility to postal services as is the stated goal of the Optimization and Consolidation Initiative currently under review by the Postal Regulatory Commission.

In closing, I would urge you as the voice of our constituents on this matter, to stress the importance of the Train Station Post Office not only to our residents but by virtue of its location, to those traveling through this gateway intersection and underscore the value of easy accessibility for all.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration, if you wish to arrange a meeting to discuss this matter further, please contact me at (610) 522-4520.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Gwen Ivey', is written over a printed name and title.

Gwen Ivey
President

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cc: Resident Officers
Executive Board