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Mico Milanovic
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RE: Holman Post Office in Mora County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Milanovic:

It has been brought to my attention that the Holman Post Office located in Mora County, New Mexico is scheduled to close. I am writing this letter to get more information to address my constituents' concerns, to ask the United State Postal Service (USPS) to continue to engage the public regarding this closure, and to ask that you consider all alternatives before closing the Holman Post Office.

It is my understanding that USPS is going through a process to close post offices that do not currently have a Postmaster. I would like to know more information about this process; more specifically, when this process began and how many post offices in New Mexico will be affected by this decision.

I received many complaints from my constituents on the lack of public input regarding this post office closure. In addition, I understand there was only one meeting held to discuss the possible closure and that it was minimally advertised to the public. I appreciate the efforts of the USPS to inform and gather input from its customers regarding the closure; however, such public meetings should be held in an environment to encourage full public participation.

Many elderly and disabled individuals attended the meeting and stated that they could not hear what was being discussed and had to stand long periods of time in cold weather. Because of the circumstances of this public meeting, I would like to ask the USPS to hold additional public meetings to fully explain the closure in a location favorable to full public participation.

The residents of this community already have very limited access to many resources, like the internet, and the proposal to close the Holman Post Office will further limit the community's access to important basic services. While I understand that the USPS is working toward efficiency and cost-saving measures, I also know that rural areas are disproportionately affected when a closure occurs and that it creates a significant impact on a small community like Holman.

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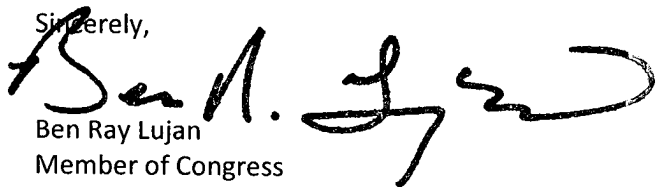


In addition to considering further public participation, I would like clarification on the following questions:

1. Where will people be able to receive their mail?
2. Where will mail services, like parcel service, be administered?
3. Will this closure affect delivery of mail to residents in this area?
4. Is there a contact person my constituents can call who is prepared to answer questions they may have?

Thank you for your attention in this matter, and again I urge you to fully consider the feedback of my constituents while making these decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Ray Lujan". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ben Ray Lujan
Member of Congress