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United States Senate

October 25, 2019

Megan J. Brennan
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan,

I request that the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) analyze if Prescott Valley, Arizona, needs a new Post Office. The Town of Prescott Valley has experienced dramatic population growth over the past 30 years and is projected to keep growing. It is vital that this community has a Post Office that can provide citizens with the postal services they need. If USPS determines that a new Post Office in Prescott Valley is warranted, I hope you will work with the community to develop a new facility as soon as possible.

The current Prescott Valley Post Office moved into its current location in 1985. At the time, Prescott Valley's population was less than 6,000. Today, the city's population is almost 50,000 – not including unincorporated populations beyond city limits which also use the Post Office. Research by the city indicates that, by 2030, the population will be approximately 65,000. The USPS footprint in Prescott Valley did expand in 1998 with the opening of a dedicated package pick-up and drop-off location. However, that is at a different site than the regular Post Office. This presents a logistical challenge for both residents and businesses. Lack of dedicated parking, which greatly impacts the ability of customers to access USPS services and causes some to look elsewhere for shipping and mailing needs, is a problem at both the regular Post Office and the package pick-up and drop-off location.

USPS should consider several factors when analyzing if a new Prescott Valley Post Office is warranted, including:

- The ongoing and significant population growth in Prescott Valley, and if current USPS facilities are sufficient to handle both the current needs of customers and businesses and the estimated growth in the community.
- Any access issues at current USPS facilities, including availability of parking to access services and availability of additional Post Office boxes.
- The impact of high numbers of package deliveries in Prescott Valley on USPS operations and customer needs.

As part of your investigation, I recommend you engage local leaders and businesses to determine the postal needs of the Prescott Valley community. It is critical that USPS work with the community to understand its concerns and develop a strategy so that Prescott Valley's postal needs are met now and in the future. Yesterday, the Prescott Valley City Council approved a resolution calling on USPS to improve postal facilities and develop a new Post Office in Prescott Valley, and I support that effort.

Please contact Eric Bursch at 202-224-5782 or Haleigh Williams at 602-598-7327 on my staff if you have any questions on this issue. I look forward to working with you on this initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyrsten Sinema". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kyrsten Sinema
United States Senate