

In an urban area where the Post Office is right around the corner, access to a Post Office might not be a serious concern, but for residents of rural areas like Southern Missouri the nearest post office might be miles away. On top of the challenges of getting to a nearby post office is the fact that many of these rural facilities are threatened with closure every year

6-Day Delivery

The USPS plan to limit mail delivery to five days per week would directly and adversely affect thousands of the constituents I serve. I appreciate and understand the severity of the financial difficulties facing the U.S. Postal Service, but I remain opposed to the reduction in postal delivery. In addition, under certain circumstances, a day's delay in postal services can mean a two-day delivery becomes a five-day delivery. This is especially concerning when the mail contains a supply of medicine or time-sensitive financial information. I remain very concerned about the unintended consequences of delaying delivery of certain envelopes and parcels to all of the USPS's customers.

Rural Post Office Closings

The nearest postal facility where people in rural areas can rent a box or go to drop off their outgoing mail may be several miles from home. Elderly and disabled residents in these rural counties rely on the Postal Service to come to them, because they often cannot go to the Post Office. I am a proud sponsor of H.Con.Res. 7, which recognizes the importance of post offices in American communities and would help ensure the USPS takes necessary steps to keep local post offices open.