

## Sample Letter to Senator/Representative Where I Own a Post Office

AUSPL Member  
Address  
City, State Zip

May 7, 2016

The Honorable **First and Last Name**  
**### House Office Building**  
Washington, DC 20510 (**Senate**) 20515 (**House**)

Dear **Representative/Senator (Last Name)**,

As a small businessman/woman who leases **###** facilities to the United States Postal Service in your **Congressional District/State**, and a member of the Association of US Postal Lessors, **I am/we are** writing to encourage you to support postal reform legislation that protects the network of US Postal facilities across the United States. These facilities are the backbone of the system through which the United States Postal Service (the "USPS") accomplishes its Universal Service mandate to provide postal services that are equally accessible to and affordable by citizens throughout America. Leased facilities are especially important in providing such universal service in rural America. There are approximately 23,000 leased facilities across the country, including (**number**) located in (**your State**).

Post Offices serve as vital community assets and touchstones to the Federal government in small and rural communities. In addition, leased Post Offices are vital components of an efficient public-private partnership through which Post Offices can be constructed and operated without unnecessarily tying up public funds in government-owned land and buildings.

In small towns, Post Offices are a crucial component linking such towns to the rest of the nation. For example, package delivery has accounted for a significant and growing portion of USPS revenues. Rural Post Offices are used by commercial package delivery companies to provide delivery services to citizens who might otherwise find their ability to receive packages inhibited by both the difficulty encountered in reaching them and the prohibitive costs.

The complexity of the financial difficulties faced by the USPS requires cooperation among all stakeholders. Solutions involving modernization of the current network can benefit communities and the USPS alike. Additionally, we encourage restructuring postage rates in a way that improves the financial viability of the USPS and is reasonable for consumers.

Sincerely,

**First and Last Name**  
AUSPL Member