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The Honorable Michael Quigley
U.S. House of Representatives – Illinois 5th Congressional District
3742 W. Irving Park
Chicago, IL 60618

Dear Congressman Quigley:

I am writing to you to share the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce's support for maintaining operations of the United States Post Office-Lincoln Park Store located at 2405 N. Sheffield in the heart of our neighborhood. This post office has been a key anchor in the community serving the needs of both residents and businesses for many years, and its closing would present a significant inconvenience for everyone who lives and works in Lincoln Park.

In a time when every organization – large and small – is taking steps to cut costs and meet tight budgets, I encourage you to reconsider the proposed closing of this highly-trafficked Post Office location. As an organization committed to the needs of businesses, the LPCC supports the Lincoln Park Post Office location for many reasons, including:

- Providing a central location for businesses to maintain a post office box, ship and receive packages, and/or purchase mailing labels, tubes, stamps and more in close proximity to where they conduct business;
- Limiting the amount of time business owners spend on the tasks associated with keeping their doors open;
- Maintaining consistent service times at Post Office locations throughout Lincoln Park and the North Side of Chicago; and
- Reinforcing the City of Chicago's "green" business standards by reducing the amount of automobile trips required by owners to conduct business in Lincoln Park.

Not only would the closing of the Lincoln Park Post Office lead to further inconveniences for residents and business owners, but it will result in fewer guests and potential customers for the shops and restaurants in our neighborhood. The proposed closing of this location would further represent government balancing their own budget on the backs of business owners already struggling through a difficult economy.

Thank you again for your efforts to support businesses throughout Lincoln Park and across Chicago. Please feel free to contact me directly at (773) 880-5200 for further discussion or consideration as necessary.

Sincerely,



Kim Schilf
President and CEO