

MANAGER, POST OFFICE OPERATIONS
NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT



November 25, 2011

Gant Redmon
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Dear Mr. Redmon:

This is in response to your letter addressed dated October 27, 2011 concerning the proposed discontinuance of Seminary Post Office.

The U.S. Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses, and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations. Over the past five years our customers' needs have changed dramatically – mail volume has declined by 43.1 billion pieces, customer visits have decreased by 200 million, and retail transactions have diminished by \$2 billion. In addition, more than 35 percent of the Postal Service's retail sales are now conducted in expanded access locations outside of traditional Post Offices. In spite of this, the Postal Service has an extensive retail network of nearly 32,000 Post Offices, Stations and branches that has been virtually untouched. In light of that, we have a fiscal responsibility to our customers — and our country — to explore all reasonable options for reducing our costs and infrastructure. Accordingly, the Postal Service is currently evaluating its retail network to ensure it is correctly aligned to reflect changes in mail volume and customer demand.

Your rebuttal of the information provided by Mr. O'Neil in his response is duly noted and will be included in the Official Record. As for your inquiry about the posting of the comments from the Community Meeting, a recap of the comments and concerns will be included in the official record and made available for public inspection if it is decided to proceed with the discontinue of the Seminary Branch.

I realize with change there is always concern. However we are confident that the alternate service listed in the proposal will continue to provide you with effective and regular service.

If I may be of further assistance in this or any other postal related matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 540-667-3352.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis E. Voorhees".

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