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February 29, 2024

The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General & Chief Executive Officer
USPS – Headquarters
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

I write today with strong concerns about the recent Notice of Intent to Conduct Mail Processing Facility Review (MPFR) for the North Platte Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC).

The North Platte P&DC is a critical hub for USPS delivery in rural Nebraska through its role in processing and distributing mail for all of central and western Nebraska west of Cozad. Relocating its operations to Denver, Colorado would risk further decreasing on-time delivery for our constituents.

The distance between the North Platte P&DC and Denver is over 250 miles one way and it is difficult to understand how sending inter-Nebraska mail there to be processed and then back to the state for distribution would improve efficiency, especially for mail delivered to rural areas.

While I appreciate that there is a public comment period underway, I am concerned about the adequacy of it for a proposal of this magnitude. Unfortunately, in 2015, USPS declined my request to have an additional opportunity for members of the public to voice their concerns over the relocation of the North Platte post office to its present location.

The best decisions impacting our communities are made by citizens that live there, and it is critical that they have opportunities to have their voices heard so that decisions are made with their input in mind.

Americans rely on USPS to stay connected and access to this vital service cannot be in doubt. While I appreciate the desire of USPS to modernize operations and address its fiscal stability, this must not come at the expense of our communities' access to timely mail services.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to receiving your response and working with you to ensure that all Americans maintain access to timely mail services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deb Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Fischer
United States Senator