

October 5, 2023

The Honorable Angie Craig House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-2302

Dear Congresswoman Craig:

This responds to your September 14 letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, requesting a new postal facility in Lakeville and Farmington communities.

I appreciate your interest in assisting the Lakeville and Farmington communities in this matter. As a general matter, the U.S. Postal Service expands existing postal services in response to growth of a community. A new postal facility is generally considered when we cannot satisfactorily meet service needs through existing facilities, or by adding capacity to existing facilities, or by the establishment of contract postal services at a local business. While this is not the exclusive reason for adding Postal Service facilities in a community, it is an important consideration.

We contacted Facilities officials at Postal Service headquarters, who report that the Lakeville Post Office is not considered severely space constrained and that in 2020, two facilities were consolidated into the current Farmington Post Office. As these facilities currently meet our present and projected operational needs, we have no plans to establish a new Post Office in these communities. Should our operational needs change such that additional capacity is required, then the Postal Service, in compliance with all regulatory requirements, may examine options to expand service.

Thank you for writing. If I can be of assistance in other postal matters, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Shaun K. Chang

Government Relations Representative