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Megan J. Brennan  
Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer  
United States Postal Service  
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Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster General Brennan:

I write today to express my strong support for the United States Postal Service (USPS) to re-open its facility located at 1351 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Napa, California.

As you may be aware, the building suffered structural damage in the August 2014 earthquake which rendered it uninhabitable. Last week, the USPS submitted a letter to the State Historic Preservation Officer requesting a permit to demolish the building. My staff has been informed that the decision to pursue demolition was made because the USPS cannot afford to renovate and retrofit the building.

This building is of historical importance to our local community and to our country. Built in 1933 in the art deco style, the building is a rare and treasured architectural gem in Napa. Further, this facility has been named for former Judge Tom Kongsgaard, a veteran and selfless public servant beloved by our community.

I have heard from many constituents who are opposed to the USPS's plan to pursue demolition of this long-standing landmark and I am deeply concerned by the lack of communication between the USPS, the local community and my office. A decision to pursue demolition of our local post office should be made with the full participation of all stakeholders in a transparent manner.

My office has been told that it would cost the USPS \$2.7 million to renovate the building and an additional \$5 million for seismic retrofitting. Please forward to me a detailed cost estimate that demonstrates how you came to this number. It is important that we base our decision on factual data and that this data be transparent and available to my office and the state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

**MIKE THOMPSON**  
Member of Congress