

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 20, 2009

The Honorable John E. Potter  
Postmaster General/CEO  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW  
Washington, DC 20260

Dear Postmaster General Potter:

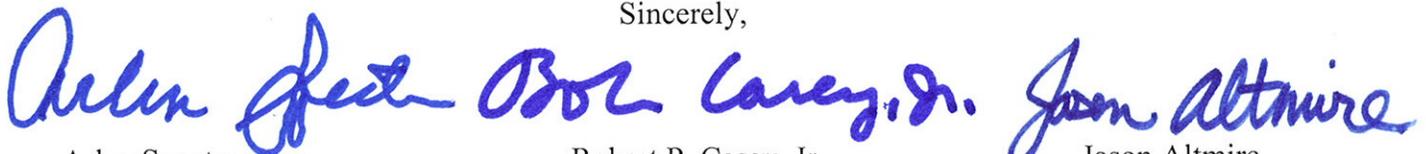
We are writing in regard to a concern expressed by our constituents who reside in New Castle, Pennsylvania. On April 10, 2009, the United States Postal Service (USPS) announced its intention to conduct an Area Mail Processing (AMP) study of mail processing at the New Castle Mail Processing Facility for possible consolidation of some operations into the Pittsburgh Mail Processing Facility. While we recognize that Congress does not have oversight over the operational decisions of the USPS, we would greatly appreciate your attention to these matters and strongly urge the USPS not to close the New Castle Mail Processing Facility.

The residents of New Castle have valid concerns and we urge you to consider the benefits the facility has provided to the New Castle community over the years. The New Castle Mail Processing Facility provides quality jobs and a critical service to the community. The community has also expressed concern that consolidation of two large mail processing facilities could adversely affect the sorting and distribution of the mail in the Pittsburgh region and result in an earlier mail pick-up time and slower delivery of important checks, bills and medications.

Additionally, the New Castle and Pittsburgh facilities are separated by over 50 miles. This causes concern that closure of the New Castle facility would present a challenge to not only the hundreds of employees of the facility, but also the residents of the community who depend on their timely mail delivery. Since the two facilities are a significant distance from each other, it is our belief that both must be maintained to ensure the efficient distribution of mail and preservation of jobs. This facility is an important and integral part of the New Castle community, and we respectfully request that the USPS not close or consolidate operations of the New Castle Mail Processing Facility.

Thank you again for your attention to this matter. If we can provide you with any additional details or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ken Altman with Senator Specter at 202.224.4254, Kevin Stanton with Senator Casey at 717.231.7540 or Cara Toman with Congressman Altmire at 202.225.2565.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter  
U.S. Senator

Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
U.S. Senator

Jason Altmire  
Member of Congress