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The Honorable Ron Johnson
Chairman
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340 Dirksen Senate Building
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The Honorable Claire McCaskill
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Johnson and Ranking Member McCaskill,

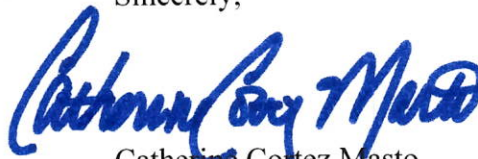
We write in support of H.R. 5205, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 701 6th Street in Hawthorne, Nevada, as the "Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic Post Office".

Kenneth Eric Bostic was born on June 3rd, 1985 to Patricia Thyne and James Bostic of Hawthorne, Nevada. Bostic played varsity football and baseball alongside his brother, Dwayne, at Mineral County High School. He is remembered by friends and family as a leader with a huge heart, who never shied away from a challenge, and always went the extra mile in his commitment to serve others.

Army Sergeant Bostic achieved his dream of becoming police officer when he was assigned to the 204th Military Police Company, 519th Military Police Battalion, 1st Combat Support Brigade based in Fort Polk, Louisiana. Sergeant Bostic completed a deployment in Afghanistan before requesting to be deployed to Iraq. Sergeant Bostic was attacked and killed by sniper fire on October 30, 2006 during a check point search to find a missing soldier in Baghdad, Iraq. His selfless sacrifice protected the lives of his fellow soldiers as he ordered them to stay at a safe distance as he approached a suspicious vehicle. He was only 21 years old.

Naming this post office for Army Sergeant Kenneth Eric Bostic, a hometown hero who gave his life in the defense of others, would be a fitting tribute to honor his memory and service to our country. We are proud to offer our support for this bill, and appreciate your consideration of this legislation before the end of the 115th Congress. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our staff.

Sincerely,



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