

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

May 8, 2024

United States Postal Service Board of Governors  
475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Chairman Martinez and USPS Board of Governors:

We write to express our profound concern with the United States Postal Service's (USPS) decision to proceed with its plan to downsize and relocate Nevada's Reno Processing and Distribution Center (P&DC) to California, and to strongly urge you to intervene and reverse this shortsighted decision, which is likely to negatively impact mail service reliability, the local economy, and jobs in the community.

On April 23, 2024, USPS officially announced its decision to proceed with its misguided plan to downsize and relocate outgoing mail processing operations from Reno, Nevada to Sacramento, California. This announcement came despite multiple requests from the undersigned for USPS to present the data that informed this decision – requests that were left unanswered for months, refused during in-person meetings with USPS staff, ignored during a United States Senate oversight hearing with the Postmaster General, and finally purported to be addressed in a May 2024 letter that failed to directly address any of the specific concerns Nevada stakeholders and elected officials have raised. In particular, USPS has failed to provide us with assessments it conducted on the impact to mail service in Northern Nevada, including impacts to timely processing of mail-in ballots; analysis of how weather and geographic conditions between Reno and Sacramento will impact service under the proposed relocation of outgoing mail processing; and a detailed explanation of how USPS assessed the projected job impacts that would result from downsizing the Reno P&DC. USPS' inability to produce this data, despite our multiple requests, is unacceptable. We demand more transparency and, if necessary, accountability.

The USPS Board of Governors has the statutory authority to set strategy and policies, approve essential decisions, and conduct oversight over the Postmaster General. We are increasingly concerned that our calls for oversight, information, and engagement from the USPS have fallen on deaf ears. We feel that our repeated requests for the data that informed USPS assertions that the plan to downsize the Reno facility will not impact service in Nevada have been reasonable. Nevertheless, we have been continuously stonewalled. Therefore, we are now requesting decisive action. As the USPS Board of Governors, we urge you to conduct your oversight responsibilities to stop this ill-considered plan from going into effect. The Board should not allow Postmaster General DeJoy to proceed with downsizing and relocating Nevada's Reno

P&DC absent critical Nevada-specific data. Doing so would be a tacit affirmation of Mr. DeJoy's negligent and careless decision-making process, one that risks harming hardworking families, seniors, veterans, small businesses, and others who rely on timely mail delivery in Northern Nevada. Finally, if you feel that the Postmaster General has served as an active impediment to conducting meaningful oversight, then it is time to seriously consider who leads the USPS in the future.

As the elected officials representing Northern Nevada, we plan to explore all available options to prevent this downsizing from being implemented. Thank you for your attention to this critically important matter.

Sincerely,



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Jacky Rosen  
United States Senator



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Joseph Lombardo  
Governor of Nevada



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Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senator



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Mark Amodei  
Member of Congress