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The Hon. Patrick R. Donahoe  
Postmaster General  
United States Postal Service  
475 L'Enfant Plaza N.W.  
Washington, DC 20260-0010

Dear General Donahoe:

This is the share with you my concern and the concern of the people of St. Petersburg, Florida who I have the privilege represent over the Postal Service's recent decision to discontinue the use of the St. Petersburg postmark.

You may recall that your predecessor as Postmaster General agreed in May 2007 that even as the Postal Service began changing the way in which mail is processed in our area, that the St. Petersburg postmark would be retained for mail originating in St. Petersburg. Earlier this month, less than five years later, the Postal Service announced that it would renege on that commitment.

This is to request that you review this plan, listen to your customers who also happen to be my constituents, and retain the St. Petersburg postmark. St. Petersburg is a proud and historic city with its own unique identity and it deserves to retain that identity with its postmark. Mayor Bill Foster and our previous Mayor Rick Baker, who was Mayor when the commitment to retain the postmark was made in 2007, have spoken out forcefully on this issue as have many people who have contacted me by phone, by mail and by e-mail.

It is my hope that you will hear their concern and take quick action to reverse this ill-advised change in postal procedure. With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,



C. W. Bill Young  
Member of Congress

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