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The Honorable Louis DeJoy
Postmaster General
United States Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 10300
Washington, D.C. 20260-1000

Dear Postmaster General DeJoy:

As you know, on February 14, 2023, a devastating fire destroyed the post office in Chimayo, New Mexico. One year after this disaster, I remain deeply concerned that the United States Postal Service (USPS) has failed to re-establish a permanent post office in Chimayo. Further, it is incredibly frustrating that USPS has also failed to publicly communicate its commitment and timeline for a new, permanent post office with my office or the community. It is past time that my constituents receive your commitment to begin the process to rebuild this essential community facility.

On December 8, 2023, I held a public meeting in Chimayo to force USPS to hear from my many constituents who have suffered from a lack of full postal services in Chimayo. Residents and postal patrons voiced their concerns about the lack of a plan of action from USPS. Regional USPS representatives Suzy Yarbrow and Rod Spurgeon said that USPS had to wait a year before USPS could move forward with a new, permanent post office in Chimayo. At that community meeting, landowners and the county officials offered locations to host a new post office but were told no process could begin until the year passed. It's been a year. At the one-year anniversary of the fire, we still have not heard what steps the USPS is considering or will take to re-establish a new post office in Chimayo. Please answer the following questions:

1. Given that USPS has now terminated its lease agreement for the previous Chimayo location, when will USPS begin the process to establish a new, permanent post office?
2. What is the process USPS will use to establish a new, permanent post office?
3. What is the anticipated timeline to establish a permanent post office in Chimayo?
4. How will USPS share updates on its progress to establish a permanent post office with the Chimayo community?

It is critical that a full service-post office return to Chimayo as it is an important hub of that beautiful community. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Teresa Leger Fernández
Member of Congress