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Consumer Affairs Manager
900 E. Fayette Street
Baltimore, MD 21233-9998

Re: Area Mail Processing (AMP) Feasibility Study Easton, MD P&DF to
Baltimore, MD P&DC

Dear Consumer Affairs Manager:

As an Eastern Shore organization representing over 850 businesses, our Chamber is very concerned about the proposed consolidation and possible closure of the Eastern Shore Mail Processing Plant in Easton, MD.

Our Chamber understands the importance of organizational efficiency and effectiveness for the USPS to better serve its customers. We are opposed to USPS implementing consolidation plans that will cause customer service and prompt mail delivery service to suffer.

We are very concerned about the degradation of service on the Eastern Shore of Maryland as a result of accidents, wind warnings and beach congestion on US Route 50 and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, if all mail from the Eastern Shore is shipped to Baltimore for processing and back to the shore for delivery.

If problems occur in processing and delivery of mail to the Eastern Shore of MD, people in general will stop mailing therefore causing loss of revenue to USPS, print shops, mail houses, and businesses on the Eastern Shore.

Based upon the lack of information available from the Easton, MD AMP study our business community does not have enough information to make a well educated decision as to the final possible detrimental impact of this proposed consolidation.

The Talbot Chamber believes that there are other factors that need to be addressed before the Postal Service proceeds with implementation of this study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan I. Silverstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alan I. Silverstein, IOM
President & CEO