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Ms. Karen Pizza
Director, National Passport Center
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Dear Ms. Pizza,

As representative of New Jersey's Fourth Congressional District I have been contacted by my longtime friend, M. Claire French, Monmouth County Clerk who has expressed an interest in opening a satellite passport acceptance office in Neptune, New Jersey.

Ms. French has already been advised that there are twenty-two passport facilities; all located in United States Postal Service facilities within a twenty-five mile radius of her proposed location at 3544 State Highway 66 in Neptune, NJ 07753. It has been suggested that the number of facilities seems excessive, however, it must be noted that these facilities are limited to "by appointment only" patrons for three hours during afternoon hours Monday through Friday. Not everyone can afford to take time from work in order to submit an application.

In the interest of providing a secure form of personal identification to all American citizens, establishing a Monmouth County satellite acceptance office will offer a more accessible accommodation to patrons. Unlike the United States Postal Service, the new Monmouth County facility will offer normal business hours, "no appointment necessary" five days a week for the convenience of all. Additionally, some evening and Saturday hours will be offered.

Ms. French is very excited about the prospect of offering this expanded service to residents of Monmouth County and is looking forward to further consideration of her plan. To that end, I would appreciate your reviewing her proposal and responding to me at my Mercer/Burlington Constituent Service Center located at 1540 Kuser Road, Suite A9 in Hamilton, NJ 08619.

Sincerely,

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