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July 14, 2020

Ms. Le Gretta Ross-Rawlins  
Acting District Manager  
South Jersey District  
United States Postal Service  
501 Benigno Boulevard  
Bellmawr, New Jersey 08031-2526

Dear Ms. Ross-Rawlins,

I am writing as a follow up to our June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and my June 8<sup>th</sup> letter regarding the challenges which the South Jersey District has faced in the battle against coronavirus, and request a new meeting with you and key members of your team to receive an update on these and other issues which have recently come to light regarding delivery issues in the Eatontown, NJ area.

During tough times such as the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Postal Service (USPS) and USPS workers play a crucial role in the delivery of health care items, such as medically necessary prescriptions. Throughout this emergency, the USPS—and its dedicated employees—remains a critical front-line entity that has gone well beyond the call of duty to serve all of those who rely on the delivery of notifications, goods, medicines and currency.

This week, it was brought to my attention that residents of Eatontown, located within my Congressional District, did not receive their mail for up to three days from approximately July 10 through July 13, 2020. Furthermore, it was reported in the *Asbury Park Press* that this is a more widespread issue than the group of citizens who reached out to me.

As you may be aware, in the last few years I have raised concerns and met with USPS officials to help brainstorm and correct mail delivery problems in towns such as Hamilton, Avon-By-The-Sea, Belmar, Bradley Beach, and Ocean Grove. After numerous discussions with your predecessor and after hosting meetings with local residents of these communities, we found solutions that were fair and reasonable to all those affected by mail delivery issues.

Given the significance of the problem and the unprecedented times we now face, I am requesting a meeting to discuss the mail delivery problems reported in Eatontown, and perhaps other areas; to explore possible solutions; and to work together secure reliable, quality mail delivery service for your customers, my constituents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to speaking to you and your staff soon and am ready to work together to resolve this matter most expeditiously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH  
Member of Congress

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