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Brett Hunter
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Dear Mr. Hunter:

I am writing on behalf of my constituents in Cortez, Florida, who are concerned about reports that the U.S. Post Office in their community is closing. I share their concerns about the burden this would place on local residents and business owners.

It is my understanding that the postal service lease at 12112 44th Ave. W. (Cortez Rd), Cortez, Florida, has expired and a notice of eviction has been filed. This post office has provided my constituents with easy access to close, reliable mail services.

My constituents, many of whom are elderly, would have to cross the bridge in heavy seasonal traffic to Bradenton Beach or travel more than five miles to the next closest post office. Furthermore, they say there is no carrier delivery in the area served by this post office.

I would like to know the following:

- Is the post office in Cortez closing?
- If it is closing, what is the reason for closing the post office and when will it close?
- What will be done to provide convenient mail service to my constituents in Cortez?

I look forward to your response. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact my district director, Sally Shely, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vern Buchanan".

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