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District Discontinuance Coordinator
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RE: UPHAM'S CORNER STATION POST OFFICE
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO CLOSING

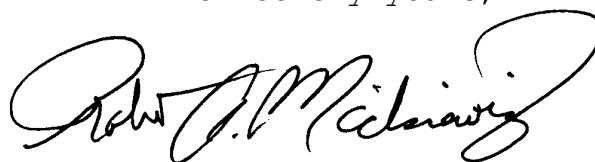
Dear Postmaster:

Our Association has been in existence for over twenty (20) years. We and are members are patrons and customers of the Uphams Corner Station Post Office at 551 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA. 02125. In November 2011, we received notice that the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) was considering permanently closing the Uphams Corner Station. On November 17th, 2011 the Postmaster conducted a public meeting in the area to discuss the USPS decision to discontinue the Uphams Corner Station and to gather public comment. The meeting was well attended by residents, businesses and members of the community served by the Uphams Corner Station Post Office. Other than the USPS representatives there was no one in favor of discontinuing the Uphams Corner Station Post Office.

The Uphams Corner Station Post Office serves a very diverse community. This area of Dorchester (in the City of Boston) is primarily composed of low to moderate income residents and businesses. Many people do not have private vehicles and must rely upon either public transportation or walking to get to the Post Office. If the Uphams Corner Station Post Office closes the closest stations (Roxbury or Fields Corner) would be at least a mile or more away. This would create a great hardship for the postal customers in this area. Many residents do not speak English or have computers, making any on line postal business impractical or impossible. The Uphams Corner Station Post Office serves a large immigrant population that relies on the post office to send packages and money overseas.

On December 15th, 2011 at our monthly Association meeting it was decided to submit this written **opposition** to the USPS proposed decision to close the Uphams Corner Station Post Office.

Sincerely yours,



Robert Mickiewicz, President